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PROSPECTS FOR THE NEGRO.

REV. DR. L. A. HAGOOD, PASTOR OF SIMPSON CHAPEL

M. E. Church, of Indianapolis, Writes an Interesting Article Concerning the Future Prospects of the Colored Man.

In the discussion of this question we must keep in mind two potent facts; it is utterly impossible to find any signs of encouragement or hopeful prospects for the colored man in the future if we be compelled to judge his future by his past in this country; that, however, much we deprecate dealing in futures in other matters, there is no escape from doing so in this discussion. It is possible to dimly scan his future by shutting out of view the past, and firmly fixing ourselves upon the basis he has already reached, and by the preparation he is now making, judge somewhat of his future possibilities. However, it may have been with other races in this country, it is literally true of the colored man, politically, industrially, socially ecclesiastically thus far, that "he never is, but to be blest." If we judge his future by his past in this country we seem to look through a vista uninviting, dismal, gloomy, foreboding and unilluminated by a single ray of hope. The dismal sounds of beying blood hounds, the plaintive pleading of colored virgins, the keen, cruel, crack of the lancinating lash seem to distract the brain, while the screams of the tortured startle civilization into a frenzy. Looking longer we see them performing unrequitted toil for a thankless, but cruel usurpator, while the honest sweat upon his sable brow, instead of being commensurate with the bread which he eats is rather evidence that condemnation should be heaped upon him "who takes from labors board and can," studies with all his might to make a spaniel of a man.

Politically, physically, intellectually, morally and religiously for two hundred and forty-three years, he was denied the encouragement conceded the beasts of burden, nor allowed the hope of so happy a termination of life. But man's extremity brought about God's opportunity and, for the salvation of the Union, a war measure—issued by one of the greatest men of the century—Abraham Lincoln broke their shackles and brought them out of the cloud into the sunlight of freedom. But ever since that time he has been made the butt of every cruel joke, his rights have been disrespected and he has been made the object of demoralization and ridicule and hence he has become of all men, most miserable. So we dare not judge his future by his past-present or revoteless we in desperation should find ourselves praying the prayer of Jonoh in Neneveh. Notwithstanding all this we recognize the fact that

> "Right forever on the scaffold,
> Wrong forever on the throne,
> But that scaffold says the future,
> And behind the dim unknown,
> Standeth God within the shadow
> Keeping watch above his own."

If it be true that the elements and signs of success by which the progress of other races are judged, are applicable to the colored man—and who that believes that God made of one blood all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, dares doubt it?—then the future prospects of the colored man in this country are neither dubians nor unpropitious. The elements of success and the progress of every race have been commensurate with their preparation for and improvement in morals, the accumulation of wealth, the acquirement of intelligence, of morality and their devotion to God. No matter how dark the past decades in the history of the colored man have been, no matter if his freedom was the result of military necessity rather than in the belief that he was an unfortunate brother, and in his bosom were stored the happy possibilities of American citizenship; no matter if the nation became involved in internecine war and lasted until the earth was deluged with human blood; no matter if God seemed to equalize their strength until but one alternative for victory was left—the employment of colored men as soldiers, so that afterwards his manumition papers should be signed with his own blood also; no matter if when the war was over the blue and the gray united against the black, in more than one instance, and left him without security at home or pleasure abroad; no matter, as a result of this, his liberty became a byword, his political rights began in a comedy of errors, were continued in a farce and ended in a tragedy, God is not dead. If He's not dead, He is a just God; and if He is a just God, He will not long tolerate unjust discrimination or discriminators.

No one will we think deny that whatever progress the colored man has made he began his career with absolutely nothing. He was left more nude than Adam and yet we must report him as progressing numerically. Persons who posed as astute ethnological philosophers prophesized before and immediately after his liberation his utter extermination. The causes assigned were climatic influences, ignorance of political and domestic economy, change of employment, and enjoyments, and want of energy, sometimes called laziness. Circumstances were so much against him that some of those who hitherto had been his defenders, when they saw him coming from the rice swamps and cane brakes with a ballot in his hand into the highways of liberty cried out:

> "A poor, blind Sampson is in our land,
> Bound hand and foot, and prone upon his back.
> But, who knows that in some drunken revel
> He may rise and grasp the pillars
> Of your temples liberities, shake the foundations
> Till all beneath its broken columns lie in ruins."

Notwithstanding there were but four millions and a half liberated, to-day there are eight millions of colored people in this country and no immigrants among them. It is said that instead of them dying out they increase one hundred per cent every twenty years, so that in the year 2014 there will be more than 60,000,000 miillions here. This need surprise no one who stops to remember that over five hundred colored babies are born daily in this country. Under such circumstances why not report progress numerically? Financially he is progressing. When liberated he had been divested of, or prohibited from acquiring money. Indeed he was a pariah and a pauper with but little public charity to subsist upon, and yet turned out into the world as a competitor in the struggle of life. His condition was more deplorable than that of the Russian serf. Everything was then, and in some places, is yet against him. His enslavement, past condition, morally, socially and religiously, and these had made him physically repulsive, crude if not intrusive in manners and presentation, and thus he became deeper marked than Cain and less accepitable than the Polish Jew. But to-day with every foreign laborers accepted before him as a competitor, with the trades union doors bolted againt him and every mystic fraternity, clerkship, workshop, profession and business interest except among his own people, hermetically sealed to him; prohibited in most places from association with his employers, or employes, or customers if white, except in a very general way, yet he is paying taxes on three hundred million dollars worth of real estate and personal property. This gives about thirty-seven and one half dollars to every colored person in this country. Business interests from banking down have been projected and are now being conducted by himself with some degree of success. These things bespeak some of the financial progress he is making. Moralry he is progressing, race haters states to the contrary notwithstanding. If it be true that, that which is bred in the bone is most difficult to be eradicated from the flesh it will follow that not simply three decades but ten decades must intervene before all the moral defects growing out of anti-bellum conditions of the colored man cease entirely.

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Tuscumbia News.

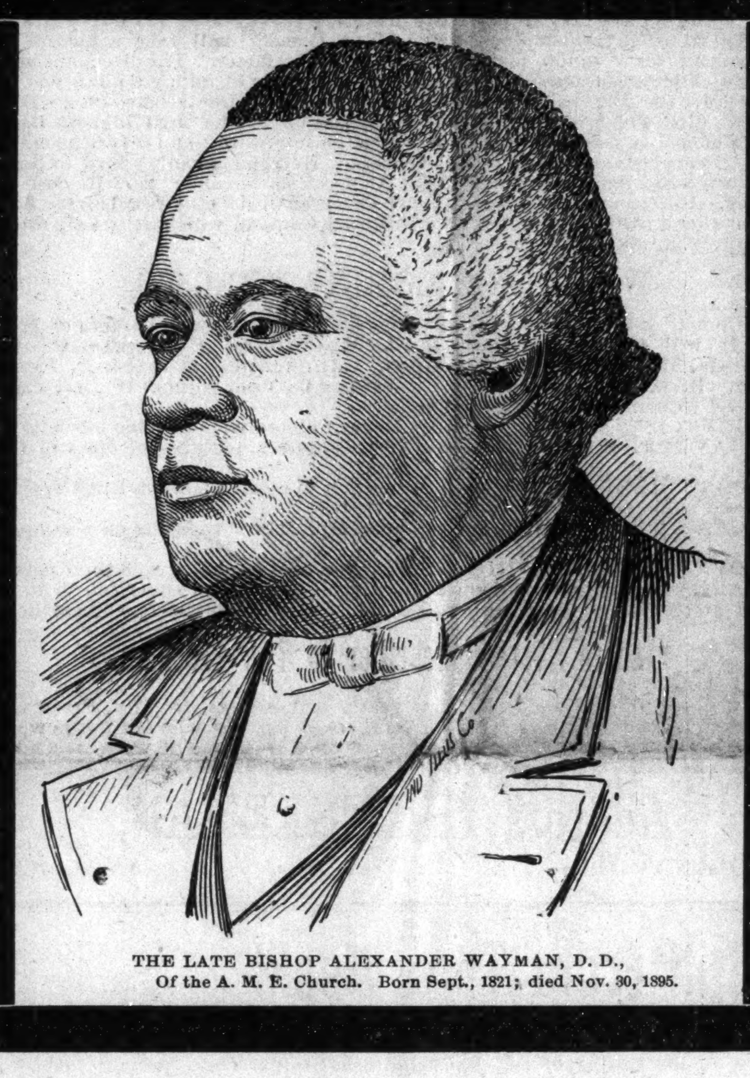
Tuscumbia, Ala., Special.

Miss Sallie Clark has been on the sick list this week. Rev. Coleman is the guest of J. C. Carruthers this week. There will be a private wedding in the city within the next three weeks. Mrs. W. T. Breeding has been sick with chills. The literary of last Friday night was one of the most interesting we have had. Besides an excellent miscellaneous program there was a lively discussion, subject "Resolved That White Teachers and Preachers are more Successful and Respected in Colored Congregations than Colored Teachers and Preachers." The speakers on the affirmative were J. D. Miller and Miss Emma E. James. Those on the negative were J. W. James and Miss Julia F. Towns. It proved a lively contest but was decided in favor of the affirmative. The subject of the next discussion is, "Resolved, That the Girls are Responsible for the Conduct of the Boys." Jasper Davis of Moulton entered the city schools. Mrs. D. W. Austin has been on the sick list. The concert at the city schools on Thanksgiving night was a decided success, notwithstanding the short notice. Rev. H. P. Patton, pastor of the A. M. E. church is attending his annual conference at Columbiana. The Household of Ruth will be set up here soon. Prof. W. T. Breeding, who has been elected a lay delegete to the annual conference of the C. M. E. church for the last eight years in succesion, attended said conference at Pratt City last week. The conference was well attended and did good work. Bishop Isaac Lane presided. About $1,300 in general funds was raised. The conference made Bishop Lane a present of a $40 suit of clothes. The conference is wideawake and is composed of representative young men. The conference placed Rev, A. J. Cobb in school and kept him there eight years. He graduated June last in the college and Theological course. This young man was placed in Tuscumbia until the above conference transferred him to the Georgia Conference and placed him at Butler street church of Atlanta. Our conference sent Bennie Brown of Birmingham and put him in Lane College, Jackson, Tenn. Messrs. Wm. Brown, Bob Killenswofth and Marshall Reynolds were initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship last Friday night. Rev. Johnson of Florence attended the social given by Liberty Bell club. Miss Annie Finley, Miss A. E. Fountain and Mrs. Lula Ricks, our highly esteemed and excellent seamstresses all read The Freeman.

Current Events.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

The ladies of Matchless Chapter have just closed their fair, which lasted three nights; cleared a nice sum. Last Monday evening St. Mary's lodge elected officers for the ensuing year. C. H. Dean and Miss Grace De France, John Stewart and Miss Effie Goins were quietly married last week. C. S. Smith went to Montpelier to do short order cooking in a restaurant. The roof blew off the Masonic Hall. The trustees of the A. M. E. church will give an entertainment Dec. 11th. Rev. George W. Brown preached an able sermon last Sunday night. Mrs. Thomas Adams and little girls are in Portland visiting Mrs. Samuel Robinson. Mrs. Rebecca Williams is reported being sick this week.



THE LATE BISHOP ALEXANDER WAYMAN, D. D.,
Of the A. M. E. Church. Born Sept., 1821; died Nov. 30, 1895.

A Thriving Town.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Our city is now on a boom. The great furnace will start soon. The Snuff factory will start about the 15th of this month. Our people will do most of the work. Alderman Page has made a good representative for his people and is now a candidate for re-election for Alderman in the Ninth Ward for the 3rd term. He is very popular with the other Aldermen of the city, and stands well with the best classes of all the citizens. Dr. N. C. Carney is candidate for re-election for Mayor. Dr. Carney is a man of fine business ability and has made the city a very conservative and liberal Mayor. Rev. Lee Mitchell, the ex-pastor of St. Peters A. M. E. church, is now Presiding Elder of the Dickson District. Rev. G. W. Porter is now pastor. Rev. Porter is a young man. His first sermon on Nov. 17th, 1895, was well delivered. J. M. Mitchell of the C. M. E. church has been sent to Hopkinsville this year. Elder Mitchell leaves a host of frtends, Revs. H. Metcalf, A. B. Wimberly, A. O. Kenney and Mays are having very good congregations. W. J. Overton, the efficient manager and engineer of the ice factory, has closed for this season. D. H. Overton is doing mechanical work at the furnace. G. L. Boyd is to be married soon. Mr. Boyd is a young lawyer here with a good practice. Our four mail carriers, Messrs. Saunders, Barksdale, Thomkins and Firse are kept busy. J. A. Firse has a broad grin, it is a boy. A. Dixon is kept busy building and repearing houses. Charles Keesee has a new carriage to accommodate those who may need his service. Prof. R. L. Yancy and his corps of teachers are doing a good work in the public school. J. W. Page is on the sick list. Every one that reads The Freeman is highly pleased with it.

Social Events.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Rev. R. McDaniel is seriously ill. George Chatman has returned to Kokomo. Missionary exercises were held at the A. M. E. Sunday school room at 3 o'clock. A paper, subject, "The benefit of being a christian," was read by Mrs. Geo. C. King. Discussed by Mrs. A. J. Allen and E. Winslow. Another paper, subject, "The benefit of the Mission to the church," read by Dr. H. C. Ford. Discussed by Rev. C. S. Jones and G. C. King. Music was furnished by the Sunday school. The society is doing well under the supervision of Geo. Allen, who is president. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris entertained on Thanksgiving from 5 until 8 o'clock. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Ford, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parker entertained on Thanksgiving in honor of Henry Waterman, of Buchanan, Mich., who has taken charge of the Murdock hotel barbershop. Mrs. Maggie Brooks is still indisposed.

Shelbyville Snap Shots.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

The McKinney sisters, Misses Julia and Cora of Nashville, are visiting Mrs. W. C. Cartright, Miss Irene and other relatives on Thanksgiving. A grand dinner was set for the following young ladies and gentlemen: Misses L. Wilson, B. Trail, M. Simbs, S. Anderson, I. McKinney, V. Turner and W. Gosling. The lovely home of A. Buchanan, on Fair Ground street, G. Trail's country home, and at the elegant and well furnished home of D. A. Wilson, on Vine street, it has been a round for the beautiful and lively young ladies. Thanksgiving day in our little city was all that we could look for. The funeral service of Miss Mary Little was held at Mt. Zion Baptist church by Revs. H. Harris and A. Mason. Mrs. H. B. McChristian, of Connersville, is in the city. Mat Daniel, was in town Thanksgiving. Miss Carrie Green and Mrs. Lizzie Coffee went to Nashville on the 29th, ult. Mrs. H. S. Daniels has returned from Nashville. Mrs. Dan Blakemore left for her new home in California. Lawyer J. C. McAdams will go into regular practice in the courts. Mrs. Tinnie Allen is in Nashville. They will resume work on the A. M. E. church. Prof. W. A. Thompson and Miss Cora McKinney of Nashville made some very nice speeches on Thanksgiving. James Gilliland is doing very nice stone work. John Campbell made a steam engine that will run with the steam of his breath. Get The Freeman at W. H. Gosling's store. It is full of news.

Events at Wilberforce.

Wilberforce, O., Special.

Thanksgiving at the "Force" University surpassing the prediction of a week ago. Three hundred guests, beautiful harvest, decorations, college colors, music, loaded tables, efficient service, happy youths and maidens, and these at their best. Prof. DuBois and his committees content with the appreciation that was universal. There has been completed the most important road improvement between Wilberforce and Xenia since original construction. Old settlers hardly recognize the Columbus pike. Does it suggest electric railway? The dreams of years may be "seen." A mark of high distinction has been bestowed upon Mrs. S. I. Shorter in being selected to represent Ohio in a Congress of women to be held in connection with the Atlanta Exposition on the 28th of December '95. She is expected to present a paper for the occasion. In the President's correspondence for the week is a letter from the American Consul, Hon. Henry C. Smith, at Santos Brazil, accompanied by a map of the country and engravings of principal buildings. He states that the six and a half Million Negroes in Brazil are fairly and creditably represented in all departments of the Empire. Can Americans say so much? Gen. Chas. Young, superintendent of the Orphans Home at Scottland, Pa., wants his Wilberforce friends to know that they are not forgotten. He has in training two bright lads for the University. At the request of Superintendent H. H. Russell, Columbus, O., a representative student will participate in the State Oratorical contest given under the auspices of the Ohio-Anti-Saloon league. The compliment of a repeated invitation is duly appreciated here and the successful competitor in the local contest will do his best to win on the platform of the State.

Mineola Gleanings.

Mineola, Tex., Special.

Rev. A. D. Miller left for the A. M. E. conference on the 21st, at Dallas, Tex. It is the wish of everybody that he be returned to this work. Rev. Taylor, the popular pastor of the Baptist church, preached Sunday. Over $130 was realized at the entertainment given by the clubs of the church. They contemplate build-a new edifice. Mrs. Maria Tibbitt, an old and respected citizen, died here on the 26th, ult., and was buried on the 27th, Dr. J. Harvey Jones, officiating. House rent is at a premium at Mineola. The building of a few nice cottages would fully compensate the owner. Miss Mattie Henry, of Tyler, visited our city recently. She was the guest of Mrs. and Miss Campbell. Miss Mattie Kirkland, of Denison, is here on the occasion of the death of her mother. Rev. J. H. Jones arrived here Saturday. He has bought a very large tent, capable sheltering 3,000 persons, and will enter the evangelistic field in the spring. His people in Marshall take The Freeman. He says that The Freeman is the only representative Afro-American journal. He is a Freeman lover. Rev. J. R. Lee passed through here recently from the A. M. E. conference. He is appointed to Tyler Station. Rev. A. Stovall goes to Finncastle. Rev. G. W. Sims comes to Mineola as pastor of the A. M. E. church.

Ladies Club.

Fort Huachuca, A. T., Special.

The young ladies here have organized a social club titled the "Trilby Heart" with twelve young men as honorary members. Miss L. E. Lyman, president; Miss C. Faine, vice president; Miss B. Porter, secretary. The engagement of W. B. Rose, Ordnance Sergeant U. S. Army, and Miss Lillian E. Lyman, is announced. The program for Christmas week is as follows: Tuesday, Christmas eve, a tree for the officer's children. Christmas night enlisted men's children and a grand ball by the Twilight Dancing Club. Thursday evening public examination and school concert under the management of Miss L. E. Lyman. Friday evening a card party by the Trilby Heart Club Saturday evening a musical concert by the Garrison band. Mrs. J. R. Green, F. Banks, and M. Stanfield, took their departure for the East on a pleasure trip December 2nd. Miss Lyman who has been confined for several days to her room on account of sickness, is gradually recovering. Her detention from the school room is deeply regretted by all.

Negro Congresses at Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga, Special.

A congress on Africa, under the patronage of the Stewart Missionary Society for Africa, will be held in the auditorium on the Exposition grounds from Dec. 13th to 15th. Cyrus C. Adams, of New York; Hell Chatelin, Prince Orishetuken Faduma, Hon. T. Thomas Fortune, Dr. Alexander Crummell, Hon. H. Smythe, Bishop H. M. Turner and others will deliver addresses. Ex-Governor W. J. Northen, Dr. W. P. Threkield, Bishop J. W. Joyce, of the M. E. church; Bishop W. W. Duncan, of the M. E. chnrch, South; Bishop W. J. Gaines, of the A. M. E. church, and others will preside at the various sessions. I. Garland Penn, the commissioner of the Negro building, has also arranged for the congress of colored members in the M. E. church on Dec. 12th, colored woman's congress Dec. 28th, and colored teachers' day Dec. 30th.

Church Fairs Closed.

Shreveport, La., Special.

A grand entertainment was given by Willis Jones and others, for the benefit of the Home Missionary society. Fruits, nuts, cake, etc., were served, after which the guests departed. The St. Matthews A. M. E. church Fair closed the 29th, ult., which was a grand success. The corn cake was won by Mrs. Lizzie Jordan; and the velosipede was won by little Henry Gilmore, who is only 5 or 6 years old. Thomas Wigging, colored, was arrested on the 28th, ult., accused of robbing a young white man of $14. We hope it is untrue. Of the three church fairs, the Antiock Baptist had the greatest display. Clothes that were 140 years old were exhibited there.

Current Events.

Houston, Tex., Special.

Rev. F. L. Lights is conducting Antioch Baptist church nicely. He is an able minister. Prof. F. I. Richardson, president of B. Y. P. U. of Antioch has given notice of the annual election of officers. He will decline the re-election to the presidency. The Houston Academy is progressing nicely with Prof. J. H. Garnett as principal.

Church News.

Edinburg, Ind., Special.

The First Baptist church has recalled Rev. R. D. Leonard for their pastor. Services were held at the First Bsptist church Sunday, preaching by the pastor, a baptizing at half past twelve. There were two baptized. Collection was $12.49. Henry Edwards and John Simes were chosen deacons of the church, Prof. Steward of Indianapolis, will lecture at the church next Sunday evening, subject, "Development."

AS TO DOUGLASS' SUCCESSOR

ONE OF THE LEADING WRITERS OF THE RACE, OVER THE

Non Deplume of Reuben Ray, Makes the Startling Announcement that a Douglass Leadership is not Needed by the Race.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

A great many newspaper correspondents, and a great many newspapers themselves have fallen into an unpardonable narrowness in discussing the question, "Who will succeed Frederick Douglass?" The twaddling nonsense put before the public on this subject, nauseating in the extreme. The ideas are narrow and the arguments are the thoughtless pratings of children. No one will succeed Frederick Douglass. The race does not now need a Frederick Douglass. The circumstances and conditions demand a different leadership from that of the "Old Man Eloquent." He was the product of different conditions, and the champion of a truth which has long since been crystalized in the human heart.

When Lee surrendered at Appomattox, and the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the National Constitution had been ratified, then great Frederick Douglass ceased to lead. For thirty years Mr. Douglass did not lead. If he did, in what did he lead? No, he was no leader. His battle had been well fought and won. He simply lived from 1870 until his death, a battle scared hero—every hair of his head a trophy of victory—a hero enshrined forever in the hearts of a grateful people. In 1870 he passed beyond leadership into the realm of immortals. To compare men of today with Douglass, would be to compare Moody with St. Paul, who was persecuted for christianity. St. Paul is not needed to-day. Grant led the Union armies victoriously through the blood of a thousand battles on to an unbroken Union. He died. Did the American people ramsack their brains for his successor. Did they need his leadership? No. But he is the pride of every American heart. Do the American people call for the leadership of Abraham Lincoln? No. And yet Lincoln is the brightest star in American story and statesmanship. No, a Douglass cannot be had. In fact the Negro does need a leader, but like the white race, he needs and must have leaders.

Who can name the leader of the white race in the United States to-day? Frederick Douglass, Frances Ellen Harper, William Still, Peter H. Clark, Robert Purvis, John Mercer Langston, the lamented Bishop Payne, George T. Downing and others were felt in the period of their work as none have been felt since. Then came Pinchback, Elliott, Bishop Turner; and later, Bruce, James Hill, Lynch, Fortune, Cuney, Bishop Grant, Dancy, Bishop Arnett, Pledger, Rapier; and still later, C. H. J. Taylor, T. McCants Stewart, John Mitchell, Jr., R. R. Wright, Smalls, Miller, of South Carolina, and M. C. Bryant, all of whom were and are "mighty men in Israel." Next came Keeling Scarborough, S. T. Mitchell, Booker T. Washington, Ida B. Wells-Barnett, Mrs. F. J. Coppin, L. J. Coppin, J. M. Henderson, Dr. Crummell, Dr. Grimke, Burrus, and a host of other leaders of thought worthy the name. And hundreds of others just as wise, just as earnest, just as much loved as they scattered like light houses all over the vast ocean of Negro population.

The mantle of Douglass will fit no one, because the conditions and times which make the individual do not fit the mantle. No, no, boys the old garment will not fit any of you. Fold it up. Place it in the sacred ark of the world's deepest affictions. REUBEN RAY.

Normal Inst., Normal, Ala.

Thanksgiving Entertainment.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

There was a grand Thanksgiving reunion given by the students of the Branch Normal college. Several addresses were made and all enjoyed themselves. R. A. Prichard and Miss Celia Berry, two of the students of Branch Normal College, were married the 28th, ult. We all wish them a long and happy life. As the bride and groom were members of the Elite Social club, of this city, the club gave them a banquet Thursday night. Mr. Prichard is ex-president of the club, and is highly esteemed by every member. Rev. H. H. King was re-appointed here. Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., is a man of great wisdom and forethought. Mrs. Ada Smith, of our city, and Mrs. Lucy Ricks, of Fordyce, were guests of Mrs. Emma Wagner, of Althiemer, on Thanksgiving day. The ladies say that they had quite an enjoyable time.

Church News.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

The stewardess of the A. M. E. church gave an entertainment at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church on the 18th ult., for the benefit of church purposes. The Royal Literary met last Tuesday night. Many interesting addresses, select readings, recitations and songs were rendered to a large assembly. A superb entertainment was given by the stewards on Thanksgiving day and at night at Odd Fellows' Hall. A delightful program was rendered, after which the Social Cornet Band highly entertained the audience with melodies. The adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lay died recently. The Social Cornet Band gave a grand social at Odd Fellows on the 20th which was characterized with success. The "Echo" solo by Mrs. Sarah Kell and Miss Mallie Redmond was amusing. J. J Redmond is on the sick list.

COURTSHIP BY PROXY,

OR A MATRIMONIAL PLOT

Written Expressly for THE FREEMAN by

AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, (B. Square)

Author of "Fred Jackson's Vow," "Maid and Mistress," "The Cedar Hill School," etc., etc., etc.

CHAPTER XIV.

"COURTSHIP BY PROXY."

"Do you like letter reading? If you do,
I have some twenty dozen very pretty ones;
Gay, sober, solemn, rapturous, very true,
And -very lying, stupid ones and witty ones"
—Sargent.

TEN DAYS after the mailing of Clark's first letter to Miss Wright, he received a reply and at once telegraphed to Hardy: "Come to the Sumner House at once; important business.—J. J. C." Hardy had been expecting the message for several days; in fact, he had been anxiously awaiting it. He was more than a little curious to know what Miss M. J. W. would say; how she would write; upon what kind of paper, and what would be the style of her penmanship or—pen-womanship, as he flattered himself that he could tell what kind of lady she was after he had read her first letter. He at once telegraphed back: "Will start at once; will be there at 2:15.—A. M. H." Half past two in the afternoon of Oct. 12th found him knocking at Clark's room door in the Sumner House and two minutes later found him reading about this letter:

"BEACONSVILLE, VA.,
"Oct. 9, 1891.

"MR. CLARK—Dear Sir:—Your epistle of Sept. 29th was duly received, and I must openly confess it was an agreeable surprise, as I hardly thought you would remember your backwoods friends of a day after you got to the great city, as there are so many more people and things to demand one's attention than a backwoods farmer, his sister and niece.

"Permit me to thank you for the papers and say that I was more than pleased with the copy of 'The Afro-American Fog Horn;' it proves that the race is advancing in spite of the barriers placed in our way by the white race or Europo-Americans.

"Uncle Bill sends his regards, aunt also, and the subscriber wishes to be remembered as

"Your well wisher,
"MARTHA J. WRIGHT."

Hardy's eyes beamed with delight as he read these lines from a gifted and neat pen. Clark's eyes bore a puzzled look, for although there were no "big Dick" words in the letter, the greater part of the same was Greek to him. At last he found words to say:

"What do you think of it, Andy? There's so much big dictionary words in it I can't make head or tail of it. What's the outlook?"

"Good, old boy; she's a lady and a scholar."

"What does she mean by 'your pistol?'"

"She means 'your letter;' that's another word for letter, Joe. She's a good one, old boy."

"Great John Brown's ghost! Say, Andy, let your self out then; give her as good as she sends. Do you think you can win her for me?"

"I don't know about that, but I'll say this: she is a bright, intelligent woman, a good composer (that is talker I mean) and writes a good hand. I'll enjoy writing to her. She's a foeman or woman worthy of fighting against."

"Well sit down here and do your d—— best; write her a letter full of grammar and "big Dick."

Hardy's reply to Miss Wright's letter read thus:

"SUMNER HOUSE,
"NEW YORK CITY,
"Oct 12 h, 1891.

"DEAR MISS WRIGHT:—Before me lies a missive just received from one who is almost a stranger to me; one I romanticly met but twice; one I never saw until I was fortunate enough to revisit my old home; one in whose company I enjoyed the happiest hours of my life; one, who if I believed in love upon first sight I would say that I loved and—by the way, Miss Martha, do you believe in love at first sight? If you do—why—well let me kindly know should you find time to reply to this wild letter.

"Speaking without any attempt at wit or humor I was glad to hear from you; hope that this may find you well, and ask you to remember me as

"Your true friend
"JOSEPH J CLARK."

"P. S. My future address will be care of P. O'Toole, Esq., P—— Westchester Co, N. Y. J. J. C."

Four days after, Clark received the following:

"BEACONSVILLE. VA.,
"Oct. 13, 1891

"MR. CLARK—Dear Friend:—(As such you subscribe yourself) yours of the 12th is before me and perhaps I use undue haste in replying to the same, but you will pardon the crime (if such you deem it) when you remember that the subscriber is a self-exiled backwoods school marm outside of the pales of civilization and life, whose lot is to teach dull humanity how to read and write, in pay for which she receives the bankrupted county's note for thirty dollars per month and "shaves" with a backwoods broker for 25 per cent. Can you blame such an unfortunate person from being delighted to communicate with the outside world? If you can, you are far more unfeeling than I judged you to be. Pray, my dear Mr. Clark, pardon my foolish school girl myrth, but

'A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men.'

"Also the best and second best of women. To be more serious, however, permit me to say that I was glad to hear from you. I opened school Monday with nineteen bad, but bright children. My folks wish to be remembered to you. I hope these foolish lines may find you as well as they leave the foolish writer, and hope you will find a place upon your list of friends for

"M. J. W."

To which Hardy replied:

"P—— N. Y.,
Oct. 17, 1891.

"MY DEAR MISS MARTHA:—(Pardon me for so addressing you) your kind letter of the 13th brings joy and hope to the writer of this letter—joy to hear from the only lady I can call a friend—hope that in the near future I can call her something dearer than a friend. To be pointed, Miss Martha, I asked you in a previous letter (if I am not mistaken) if you believed in love at first sight. If I did not I ask the question now, and add before I learn your reply that if you do permit me to say that I think yes, know that I have fallen in love at first sight; that hope pushes me on, that I cherish the wish that our romantic meeting would end in love and—but forgive my mad ravings. I often think of our romantic meeting and how I felt when I first met you. In the language of Lord Byron:

'Perhaps it was not love, but yet,
That meeting I shall ne'er forget.'

"'Perhaps'—what a heart-rending word! Perhaps, however the future is bright for me. In plain words, my dear Miss Martha, if I know anything of myself permit me to say I love you; have loved you since first we met; that it was a case of love at first sight; that its love I hope will be returned; that I humbly crave permission of corresponding with you upon the fond hope that you may learn to love one who already loves you. Can I say or write more? Hoping to hear from you soon, I subscribe myself Yours,

"J. J. C."

Hardy was delighted when he read the following reply:

BEACONSVILLE, VA.,
Oct. 27, 1891.

"MY DEAR MR. CLARK:—Your kind, sweet, and flattering missive of Oct 17th was duly received. I must be short and pointed as the mail from this one-horse town goes in ten minutes. In answer to your questions permit me to say first, that I DO believe in love at first sight. Second, that I would be more than pleased to hear from you and you only each week. Third, that since first we met I admired you, and upon the constant reception of such letters as the one I hold in my hand, my admiration has nothing to do but grow into love. Yours as ever,

"M. J. W."

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If you fail to receive the Christmas number of The Freeman, you will miss a rare treat.

Social Doings.

Alton, Ill., Special.

Rev. B. Ratcliff has been holding a series of meetings this week at the Union Baptist church. The young ladies gave a surprise party to their gentlemen friends last Wednesday evening at the residence of Miss Marthe Fox on Easton street. Music and refreshments were the main features of the evening. A pound party was given for Rev. G Price, pastor of the A. M. E. church last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dulen on Union street. There were many presents. The Union Baptist church gave a Thanksgiving dinner Thursday at the city hall. The Union Merry Volunteer club gave a candy pulling at their hall on State street last Saturday evening. Dancing was the feature of the evening. Emanuel Williams is on the sick list. Mr. Riker left for Pennsylvania last week having been called there by the death of his mother.

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Yours for success,
J. J. CHAPPLE,
Marlin, Tex.

News Notes.

London, Ont., Special.

The Odd Fellows' Thanksgiving dinner and concert was a grand affair. The programme was of a literary nature. The dinner lasted from 3 to 7 p. m., and about 150 persons were dined free of charge and about 200 attended the concert at night. N. G. Logan, Esq., and the members are getting on nicely. Revs. R. L. Holden, J D. Mead and R. Hatchett delivered encouraging addresses. The Rt. Rev. Bishop of the B. M. E. church connection visited us on Saturday and preached a soul stirring sermon. Mrs. Lina Woodfork is better. The minister's entertainment will be December 17th. The churches were filled to hear the Bishop. The first installation of officers in Arigust Lodge of Odd Fellows will be in January. Our B. M. E. church quarterly meeting was held Dec. 1st.

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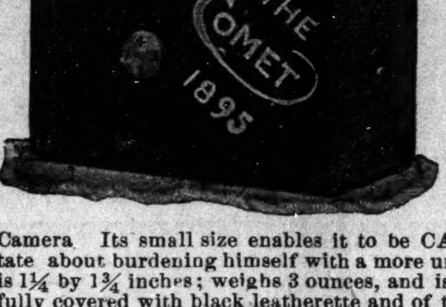

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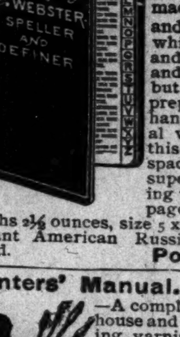
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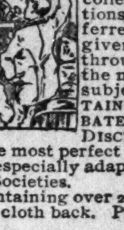

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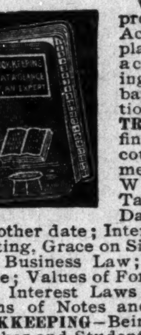
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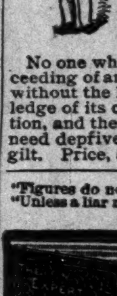

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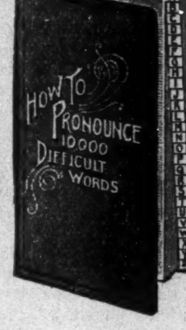
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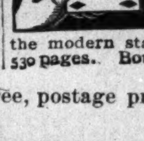

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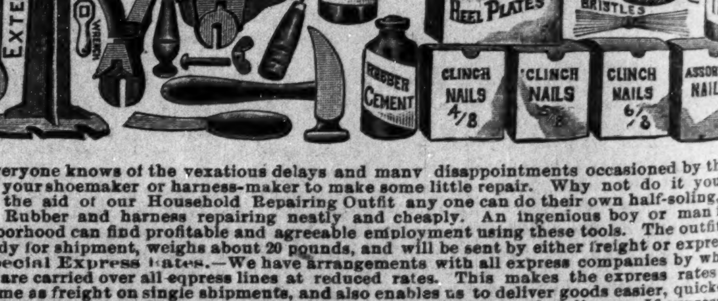

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"UNCLE B.'S" WEEKLY TALK.

CHAPTER IV.

WHY THE BAXTER FAMILY HAD NO THANKSGIVING DINNER.

I suppose you all had a good Thanksgiving dinner, so I want to tell you about some little children who had no Thanksgiving dinner. They were the Baxter children. The Baxters live at Norfolk, Va., or at least just outside of city. There are four children: Gus is 12 years old; next comes Sam, then comes Susan Jane, then the baby, Tamor. Their father is dead, but their mother works three days in the week for the landlord, and that pays for the house rent. Gus is the "Little Father." He works and brings in the food, while the other children, besides the baby, go to school. Gus worked on one of the steamboat docks. His work was to take care of a horse that lifted goods up out of the small boats that came down the river with goods on board for the big steamships. There was a long rope that went through a large pulley which was on a high pole; one end of the rope was made fast to the horse, and the other end was tied to the box or bale of goods in the small boat and when the horse went forward up the dock, up came the goods out of the small boat. Higher and higher it got until it was over the deck of the steamship, then the horse was backed back until the box or bale went down in the hold of the big steamship. It was Gus' work to lead or drive the horse backward and forward all day long. His pay was $3 a week, and his payday was every Wednesday. Now $3 in Norfolk will buy more food than Owen Bright's $3 in Boston would get, and as the Baxter's had no rent to pay out of the money, they could live quite nicely and have a lot of good things to eat. They expected to have a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving past, the same as you had, but I am sorry to say that they had no dinner at all that day. You see it was this way: It was quite warm in Norfolk the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so Gus crawled upon one of the cotton bales on the Norfolk steamship dock to sleep in the sun, after he had fed his horse at 12 o'clock. He had just got his week's pay, and was going to take home a large, fat turkey that night. His mother and he had picked out the turkey the night before, and told the man to keep it for them. As Gus had been up the night before, he was tired and sleepy, and the soft cotton and the warm sun made him sleep very soundly indeed. Three of the men that worked on the dock saw him and thought it would be fun to pick him up and put him on the New York ship. So they quietly picked little Gus up and put him in the corner of the ship. Gus kept right on sleeping just the same. When 1 o'clock came the head ship leader thinking Gus had gone home to buy the turkey, said nothing, but put one of the men in his place for the half a day to mind the horse, and everybody forgot about Gus. At last the great New York ship got her load on and started up the river towards New York, Gus was still sleeping. When the steamship was far, far from Norfolk it commenced to shake, which aroused Gus. He jumped up; he did not know where he was at first, then he saw he was on the great ship. He remembered that the next day was Thanksgiving day and that he had the dinner money in his pocket, so he ran up and down the ship crying and telling the folks to take him back to Norfolk. Some laughed at him, others said that he was crazy; in the meantime the ship kept on towards New York City. The head man of the ship called him up and heard Gus tell his story. The head man then remembered seeing the men bring Gus on the ship, so he told him not to cry that when the ship went back to Norfolk, they would take him back.

The passengers and crew took up money for Gus until they got $19.61, and gave it to him. The next day the ship got to New York. How about the folks at home you ask? Well I will tell you. Mrs. Baxter went down at night to meet Gus, but could not find him, and so no one knew where he was, and she did not know what to do. One man cheered her up this way: "Don't cry my poor woman, everything happens for the best, and I guess your boy fell overboard and is dead." (A funny way to cheer any one up I think, don't you?) So poor Mrs. Baxter rushed home and told the children that Gus was drowned, so all day Thanksgiving they sat in the house both hungry and sad. When the neighbors heard the story the next day, they brought them food, still they were sad.

The big ship started back for Norfolk Friday. The Captain of the ship kept little Gus in his room to wait on him, and when the ship got to Norfolk he gave Gus a new five dollar bill, and told him he would dress him up and make him the cabin boy, and give him $5 a week. So Gus got a good job and $24.61 out of the sport. The first thing he did when he got back to Norfolk was to go and see about his turkey. The man had sold it, but he had another fat one, so Gus bought that one and bag full of other good things and started home. "Why, here comes Gus!" said Susan Jane, as she looked out of the window. "Oh thank heaven! Oh my son where have you been?" asked his mother. "Been up North to New York City," was Gus' cool reply He then told his folks the story I have just told you. So the Baxters had a Thanksgiving dinner that was a dinner the next day which was Sunday. Gus gave his mother money and took the job on the ship. The men played a bad joke on Gus, but you see good can sometimes come out of bad, still don't you do bad boys, for good only comes out of bad one time out of a thousand, the other 999 times worse than bad comes. No more story for two weeks for you boys.

"Hickory Nuts."

Can you crack any of them?

No. 15 GEOGRAPHICAL ACROSTIC.

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No. 16 ARITHMETICAL PROBLEM.

A little girl went to the store for her mamma. She had a new bill; this is what she bought: 7 pounds of flour at 4⅔c per pound; 3-1-5 pounds of rice at 5¼c per pound; 1 ham for $1.40; $1.25 worth of eggs; 35c worth of potatoes; ½ pound of coffee at 37½c per pound; 1¼ pounds of butter at 17⅔c per pound. How much change did she have, and what kind of a bill was it her mother gave her?

No. 17 CHARADES.

I am a word of two syllables; my first is a pronoun; my second is found at the sea shore in my whole.

No. 19 I am composed of three words. My first is your mother's brother. My second is a carpenter's tool. My whole is your friend.

ANSWERS TO "HICKORY NUTS" OF NOV. 23RD.

No. 5	Apple, Paris, Press. Lissa, Essay.
No. 6	Goats: oats.
No. 7	Often: ten.
No. 8	Why the postoffice of course
No. 9	Co. nun drum: Conundrum

No. 10 You see they went a fishing, and Dick got the first bite.

OUR POST-OFFICE.

While I was in New York the other day a little girl dropped this letter in our postoffice:

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Nov. 23, 1895.

I am a little girl 9 years old, and I go to school No 87 and I am in the 4th grade. My name is Sarah Jane Hodges, but they call me Sadie Hodges. I am Uncle B. Square's little girl; he is my papa. Girls, his name is not Uncle B. Square, but his name is Augustus M. Hodges. I told papa one day that I would like for him to take me to see you girls. As it would cost him too much money, he said I could talk to you with my pen; I did not know how I could talk with a pen, so I asked papa and he told me that I could do it by writing you a letter in The Freeman. I have one brother; he is 11 years old; his name is Willis Augustus Hodges; he is named after our grandpapa, who is dead; I have one little sister; her name is Cathrine, but we call her Baby Katie; she is 3 years old, and can say her prayers all by herself, and can count up to 16 by herself. She is named after my papa's aunt Catherine and my aunt Kate, and I am named after my two grand mammas — grandma Sarah and grandma Jane. I hope that every girl that reads this letter in The Freeman will have a Merry Christmas. So good by.

From your friend,
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Let me say three things: First Della Scott of 31 Center street, Indianapolis, is now our best writer; she steps ahead of Ella Mahony. Second, don't write on but one side of the paper, and third, don't write with a pencil.

ATHENS, ALA., Nov. 17, 1895.

My Ddear Uncle B. Square:—I enjoyed reading the story of "Little Mothers" very much, also the different letters you have received from the boys and girls, but Uncle B. Square you made one mistake; my home is in Athens, Ala., instead of Athens, Ga., and my adopted sister's name is Danella Brisco.

Yours truly,
DATI MAI MILLER, P. O. 205.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Eva Nelson, Milford, Tex.; Osceola and Buleama Blanks of Prairieburg, Ia.; Edgar, Jacob, Lue and Raymond Johnson, Woodlawn, Tenn. I am sorry boys and girls, but your letters are too late. In future read The Freeman with more care.

City Gleanings.

Ft. Smith, Ark., Special.

The first teachers' social of the season was given at the residence of Mrs. A. R. Miller, by Mmes. Miller and Hilliard, 623 Tenth street. The "musicale" feature of the occasion was quite new and entertaining. The public schools have been in session three months with the following teachers: W. W. Jones and E. O. Trent, principals; Assistants, W. W. Holder, Mrs. E. E. McDaniels, G. Arrington, A. R. Miller, C. Hilliard, M. Joshenburger, Misses Miller, Lewis, Mabson and Childres. The school is progressing; nearly seven hundred children in attendance. Mrs. Julia Jones, the mother of Prof. Jones and Mrs Beaver, from Columbus, Ohio, are in the city. The funeral of Henry St. Claire, took place Sunday the 27th. He was a highly respected citizen, and he leaves a wife, son and three daughters. Rev. J. W. Walker, pastor of the A. M. E. church, has returned from conference. The following are the officers in the Sunday school: W. W. Jones, superintendent, assisted by Miss Childres Arrington; Zackery Mobson, Lewis Miller, Hilliard and Diving, teachers; Masters Herman Walker and Perry Scott, librarians. Quite an elaborate program was rendered at the M. E. church Thanksgiving, Among the speakers for the evening were E. E. McDaniel, Prof. Kidd, Trent and Jones. Miss Celestine Johnson is progressing nicely with her work at Emporia, Kan., State Normal.

Social Gatherings.

Battle Creek, Mich., Special.

Mrs. Nancy Miller who has been ill is convalescent. The Plum Pudding Feast held at the A. M. E. church Nov. 12th was a financial success. The Williams Jubilee Club gave a concert at Climax Thursday evening November 14th, assisted by Messrs. John Ely and Master Author Jackson. They gave another at the Second Baptist church Nov. 21st, which was well attended. Mrs. Martha McGary of Vicksburg is visiting her nephew, Nelson Curtis and family, Mr. Chas. Cook is on the sick list. Jas. L. McGruder and A. D. Cook have dissolved partnership. The former has opened shaving parlors in the Opera House Block while the latter is at the old stand. Friday evening, November 22nd being the nineteenth birthday of Miss Lottie Tyler, a number of her relatives by the request of Mrs. H. T. Surdgross gathered at the latters residence to pass a pleasant evening with her. During the evening a program was rendered, consisting of solos by Miss Delia Chandler and Mesdames Nelson Farmer and Ida Binga. Recitations by Miss Nellie Nash and Master ter George Corruthers. Music by a quintette consisting of Messrs. John Ely, Jacob Corbin, Thos. Foster, Ed. Tucker and Jud Gray, and a toast by W. J. McKissick, response by Miss Ida Corruthers; remarks, by Miss Lottie Tyler, in whose honor the party was given; also reading by Miss Ida Corruthers; recitation, by Miss Savonia Lewis; essay, by Miss Minnie Gurley. Cards and games were the order of the evening. Delicious refreshments were served. At a late hour they departed leaving behind several substantial reminders of this pleasant occasion. A piece of iron fell upon Nelson Farmer's foot and seriously injured it. Robt. Williams who has been quite ill is convalescent.

Death of a Prominent Man.

Monroe, La., Special.

On Nov. 4th Israel Turner a respected citizens died after a long illness. He was an exhorter in the M. E. church, and was among the first in building the M. E. church in this city. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. J. Rogers, assisted by Rev Geo. Washington and N. McNeal. He was buried by the Sun Beam Society. He leaves a wife and four children. The Kings' Daughters took part in the funeral. The young people of the St. James M. E. church seem determined to have the Epworth League what it should be in their community. They have arranged a grand program for the 14th. All the friends who are interested in the advancement of the Negro to a higher point of elevation are cordially invited to be present. N. McNeal, president; Miss E. Bowman, vice president; Mrs. Mary Carryway, secretary. On Nov. 10th there was a financial rally at Zion Traveler's Baptist church. The North Louisiana Industrial High school is progressing very fast, and too much praise cannot be given to its resident.

Church Services—Personals.

Lincoln, Ill., Special.

Rev. Turner of the Second Baptist church baptised Miss Francis Bentley and Mrs. White on Sunday afternoon, as the results of a revival meeting which has been going on here. The G. U. G. of O. F. gave a literary entertainment on the 27th of the month under the auspices of Chas. A. Manns. A program was rendered which consisted of declamations, orations, music, reading, solos etc. Miss Jessie Scott is visiting in Bloomington this week the guest of Miss Fannie Dwight. The A. M E. Sunday school is very nicely conducted. Mrs. Sarah Kennedy is keeping the baby of the deceased Leathie Baker. The Christian Endeavor of the Second Baptist church is doing much good for the benefit of the young people. Albert S. Johnson continues going to the business College, and will graduate in January. He is the first colored graduate from this college. Mrs. W. Hummer is better. F. R. Rudolph has quite a trade of horse shoeing. He has a first class shop. Rev. Holmes of the A. M. E. church invites his friends to his new home on Clinton street, to himself and wife.

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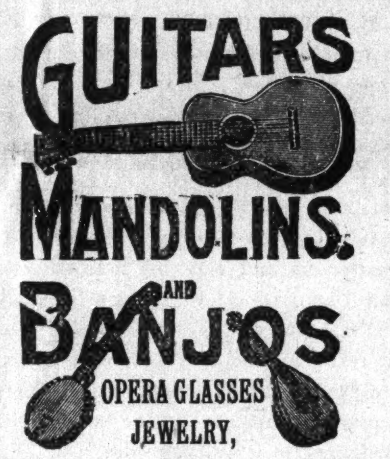

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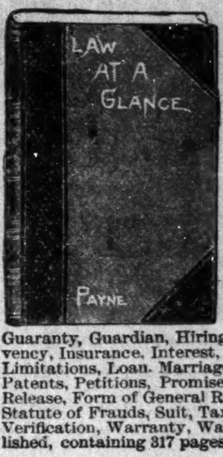

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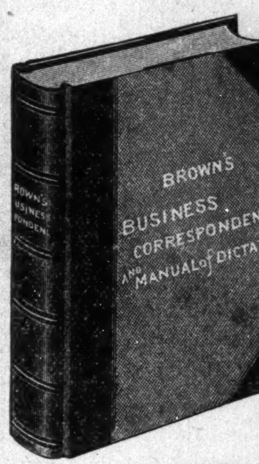

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PHILOSOPHY OF NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

Jerome R. Riley, M. D, formerly of Arkansas, but now of Washington, D. C., has written a book. The simple announcement of the fact is not startling. The furor created by the advent of the book is altogether startling.

"Free Lance," our Washington correspondent has, to some extent, anticipated our review. Glancing over his article in the last issue of THE FREEMAN one would be forced to conclude that the book was written so far as "Free Lance" sees for the express purpose of inserting one chapter. This may or may not be true, yet from the standpoint of a reviewer we will speak of the face merit of the book. Dr. Riley, judging from the text, is a Democrat. Notwithstanding the fact of his Democracy he endeavors to give a fair analysis of the Negro's status in the country, but more especially of the District of Columbia. He does not see much good resulting from the Republican leaders in the District of Columbia. He contrasts the results with the same obtained in the South. The author deals with current events touching the Negro. He advises a division of the Negro vote as the only salvation of the Negro in the South, holding that being an unknown factor he would be sought out and appreciated. The Doctor does not think Ida B. Well-Barnett is doing much good in her crusade He thinks it produces hostility and antagonism.

The Atlanta Exposition is held up as an exemplory concern, making it possible for the Negro to show the world his ability.

The celebrated chapter to which there is such violent exception has the following caption: "The Recordership of Deeds of the District of Columbia discussed—Impressions, respecting his unfitness given—His record compared with former officials—Some of the reasons assigned for the opposition to him." This is what may be known as an exciting chapter. The author reviews the charges of Editor Chase, of the Bee, alleging further, that what Chase had said was substantially true but in some details Chase was unable to support his charges. The book is very interesting on account of itsintrepity. It spares neither men nor measures. Published by the American Publishing Co., Hartford, Conn.

THE KEY.

The key to Scriptural interpretation is the well chosen title of a small, but comprehensive work by Dr. J. S Coppin, of Philadelphia, Pa. Dr Embry, in the introduction says: "But when we look for special helps to the study of the Holy Scripture we may search and invest our money fifty times and yet fail in finding what we want. In this most valuable little work of my good friend and co-laborer. Dr. Coppin, of which these humble lines are designed too form a sort of vestibule, we meet with a very happy title"

"Understandest thou what thou readest!" Is the first line of the work proper. It is an apt quotation and is followed rapidly by thoughts the question suggests. Owing to the many seeming absurd and apparent contradictory passages in the Bible the author shows the reader how such seeming obscurity and apparent contradictions may be dissipated. Several plans to that end are mapped out. Quite a number of subjects are dealt with, which are guides for the disposition of all future subjects of the same perplexing character. "But many that are first shall be last and the last first." This expression, though often quoted, does not always get its proper interpretation. Dr. Coppin spends ten pages of the 200 in discussing it. His "Sin against the Holly Ghost" is given 12 pages of mature consideration These illustrations bespeak the character of the work. "The Divinity of the Bible" is considered. An epitomized biography of all the writers, whether certain or apocryphal, and the chronological order of the advent of the books are set fourth While the work is condensed into a small volumn, yet on every page are evidences of deep research and high scholarship.

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WALLER AND THE MESSAGE.

The President's annual message is before the country. Its contents were anticipated by his known policy. The Waller incident is touched upon and put in a position of certainty as regards the progress it has made. It is now known that the French absolutely refuse to lay upon the case, since to the French way of thinking it would establish a precedence unusual in international complications. The President makes it manifest that the good intentions of the government is still in evidence by insisting that what can be done will be done in the interest of Waller. The good relations existing between the two countries continues undisturbed, he insists. There is a sound of forlorn hope in it all. It is not very evident that there will be a fight over the matter. The friends of Waller in this country may scarcely look for governmental intervention. The state department can only manage such affairs regardless of a Republican Congress. Liberty without indemnity seems the only hope.

SHERMAN'S BOOK.

Robert Pelham, Jr., of Detroit, wants its distinctly understood that there was no boodle dispensed with among the Negroes during that now famous convention. He considers it an insult to the Negroes of the country that the imputation is broacast that he (the Negro) was hawked about or bartered for. Pelham not only denies that the "poor Negroes" were purchased, but holds that the younger Negroes who were for Alger held aloof hoping for the "all persuading influence" of the Sherman management. Pelham says Alger did not promise nor give one dollar of money to him or any delegate so far as he saw. The Hon. John R. Lynch says there was boodle in sight, but he did not get it. He thinks it was Sherman's side that handled it.

WE note a spell of lynching, but observe that it is the other fellow. No cause for rejoicing arises. Yet if it is to be lynching let the work be done indiscriminately. The crime is just as great, whether the victim be white or black. However their is more comfort in knowing that white men are not exempt. There is an extreme sense of loneliness felt when only black men suffer in this respect.

IT is said that Gov. Bradley, of Kentucy, is a little cool towards the colored people. He thinks the press did not treat him right. The Gevernor should not despair, they will do better next time. Politics is a game long drawn out It has more innings than one.

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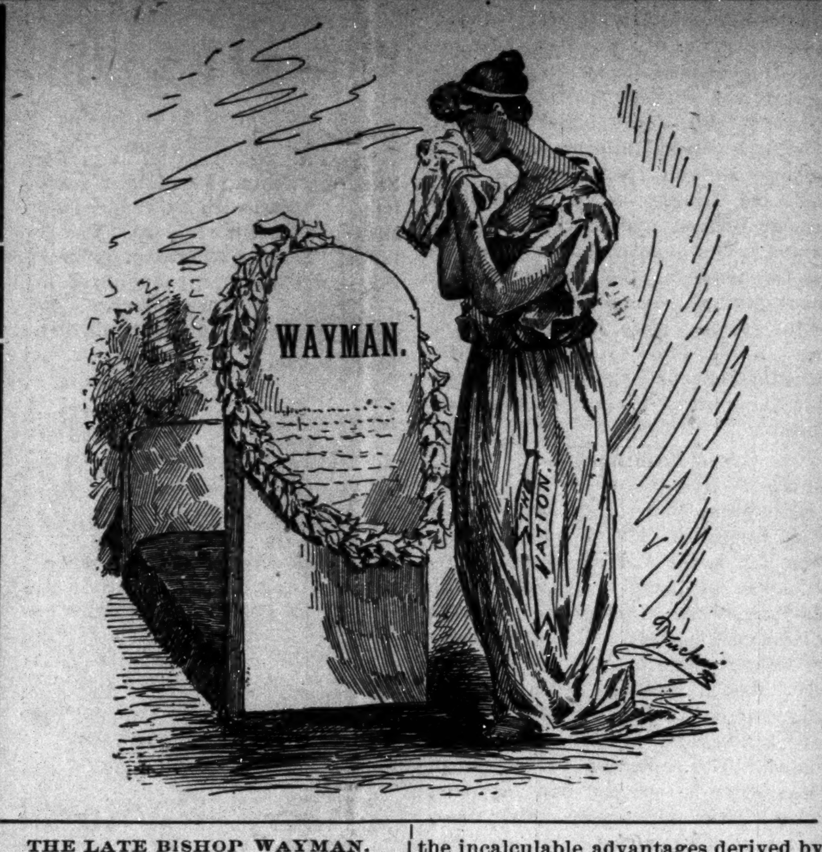

THE LATE BISHOP WAYMAN.

It becomes our painful duty to chronicle the intelligence of the demise of the Honorable Bishop Wayman, Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church. He was stricken down with paralysis at his home, Baltimore, Md., dying Saturday November 30th. He finished out a good round period of life, having passed the Biblical allotment of three score years and ten. Those who were fortunate in meeting the Bishop when last in Indianapolis saw no visible evidences of an early dissolution. Doubtless the Bishop knew that in the nature of mortal things time and eternity would soon meet, so far as he was concerned.

In his death the world loses a valued citizen, the Negro race, one of its greatest lights and characters, and the A. M. E. church, a trusted minister and true adviser. He was the seventh Bishop of the A. M. E. church. He was born in Caroline county, Maryland, September, 1821. He, like so many of the old school, who made their way upwards under the most unpromising circumstances, was tutored amid adversity. He was early taught to wield the plow. On account of his youth his father had to saw off the plow handles for his accomodation. Often times when asked concerning his great bulk and corpulency, he would reply: "My father put me to plowing when I was young and made my muscles expand and, therefore, I grew large." His father first taught him his letters—to read, to spell. This rudimentary knowledge did not suit a mind of such capacious capacity as he possessed. Writing he readily recognized as a necessary complement. The sand along the shores of the streams, the sides of old dismantled buildings were where his young fingers first scrawled his coveted images. He had a quick, natural perception and doubtless saw the incalculable advantages derived by writing He soon became able to indite letters to his friends, and soon became proficient in that art. In August 1835 he made up his mind that there were higher mysteries to penetrate and more solid duties to perform. As the result of this conclusion he obtained a hope in Christ. In 1837 he joined the M. E. church. In 1840 he united with the A. M. E. church.

It appears that to be a simple layman in the church was not his sum total. He had felt the Divine unction. He heeded the call and how well he served his mission the world knows. In 1843 he was admitted into the Philadelphia Conference. He filled with distinction pastoral charges in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D. C. His work was so effectually done that in a score of years the church conferred on him its highest honors by making him Bishop. He served as Bishop from 1864 a continuous period of nearly 32 years. Thus in longevity of life and in the bishopricy he has been surpassed only by the late lamented Bishop Payne.

Bishop Wayman was a man ripe with information, garnered by experience, rather than by books. He had no mean knowledge of books albeit. He was enabled by untiring lucubrations to raise himself above the average of all men. College walls perchance were strangers to him, but through the dint of ceaseless energy and indomitable will he was enabled to give to the world what it has so grudgingly given him—books. We are in a large measure indebted to him for this sketch of his life through a small, though rather compact volumn of his, known as: "Cyclopædia of African Methodism." He published other volumns and numberous phamlets of inestimable value to the A. M. E. church.

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Race pride is a highly desirable quality. Waller, a nation's representative, is behind gray walls—a condition, no theory confronts him. If this be a hopeless case it should be written that we lived up to the verge of our opportunity.

THE ILLINOIS PROGRESS, published in Quincy, Ill., is a new publication. It comes, it says, to fill a long felt want. It is a sprightly looking sheet of four pages. It will endeavor to serve the race first, other considerations are to follow. We congratulate The Progress on its auspicious advent. We welcome T. J. DeClelland, editor, to the fraternity.

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IT is said that Alexandre Dumas fils was driven to the sublime heights attained in the world of literature by the recollections of the source from which he sprang. It is not said that the recollections were pleasant.

WE hope that Editor Frederick, of the St. Joseph Mirror, and Langon, the school teacher, will succeed in wining their fight. They have been sentenced to the penitentiary for a political wrangle with a colored man. It is said the venting of political spleen is the cause. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court.

GEORGE HARRIS, from whom Harriet Beecher Stowe drew one of her characters in Uncle Tom's Cabin is said to be alive in Kentucky and in very indigent circumstances. He is said to have been in good circumstances but spent his money in the cause of freeing the slaves. If this be authenticated relief should immediately fly to Mr. Harris.

Social News.

Peoria, Ill., Special.

Mesdames Meda Journey and H. F. Johnson are on the sick list. Miss Eva Harper left the city Saturday for Galesburg to attend the funeral of Roy Mason. Friends of Miss Etta Taylor tendered her a pleasant surprise at the residence of Mrs. Winslow Thursday evening. A delightful surprise was tendered Miss Anna Gibbons by her many friends at her home Wednesday evening. Miss Anna E. Turnbo, after spending a pleasant four month's visit in the city returned home to Metropolis Monday. Miss Fannie Woods of Hannibal, Mo., is in the city the guest of her aunt and uncle, Rev. J. S. Woods and wife. One of the most brilliant society events of the season occurred last Monday evening when Mr. and Mrs. L. South celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary. The violent snow storm prevented many from attending, but all who were there enjoyed themselves. It is the sincere wishes of their many friends that Mr. and Mrs. South may live to see many more years of success and happiness. Mrs. James Cheek of Stone Station spent Thanksgiving with relatives in the city. James South was able to be out Sunday.

Later—Mrs. Meda Journey died on Thanksgiving night. Mrs. Journey was the youngest child of Mrs. Maria Penix. All who know Mrs. Penix sympathize with her in her sad bereavement.

Bishop Wayman Dead.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

Bishop Wayman, who lived a tranquil and honorable career, expired Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, aged seventy-four. He was stricken with paralysis while dressing Wednesday morning, falling against the bed, not thinking the shock severe, and that he would recover in a few days. When he fell his wife was reading a chapter in the bible. When they reached him he was lying unconscious on the floor with his head bleeding at the temple near the right eye. A physician was called in. He remained unconscious until his death. Bishop Wayman was the fifth diocese of the church. His states were Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. He closed his last conference a couple of weeks ago at Keokuk, Ia., and was in St-elton last week on some church business. August 1835 he obtained a hope in Christ In 1837 he joined the M. E. church, in 1840 he united with the A. M. E. church, and in 1843 he was admitted into the Philadelphia conference, and after filling stations in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, was elected Bishop in 1864, the degree D. D. being conferred upon him by the Howard University, Washington, D. C. He was born in Caroline county in the Tuckahoe region which was also the birth place of the immortal Frederick Douglass. Bishop Wayman was married three times, and leaves a wife, a brother and a married daughter in Albany, N. Y. The Bishop was a good man and a faithful worker.

Charitable Entertainment.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

The observance of Thanksgiving day as a holiday, was not more general this year than formerally, although it was as much so. The attendance at the various churches was as large as usual, and the cessation of business was just what always occurs on this occasion. In the afternoon the entire city appeared Sunday-like. The postoffice and school house doors were closed, thereby allowing the clerks, teachers and porters to enjoy, as others, the pleasures they desired to seek. The entertainment of the Independent Sons of Honor at their hall, was a grand success financially. Many private "staggs" and parties were carried on. The marriage bells rang out in rejoicing tones. The benefit dinner and concert given under the auspices of the Colored Orphans Home Society, was given Thanksgiving for the benefit of the orphans, which was a grand success. Odd Fellows hall being crowded with free-givers which gave an assurance that the orphans yet have many friends around them. Rev. C. H. Parrish lectured at the Y M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon, subject "The Secret of Strength." Miss Lillie B. Mayo and Mr. R. J. Langston were united in marriage at 1028 W. Green street by Rev. Evans Tyree last Thursday night.

A Saloon Brawl.

Leadville, Col., Special.

Dr. S. A. Bosanko, one of our prominent physicians, died on the 23rd. This is the second physician that has died this month. Dr. Davignon having been buried on the 10th. The ice palace enterprise is on the move and the weather is all that can be desired. An Ida B. Wells literary society was instituted last Wednesday evening under the auspices of the A. M. E. church. Ayres Lindel of Salt Lake, who spent some time in our city left for Pueblo on the 22nd. Mr. Taylor of Salt Lake is in the city the guest of J. T. Hedspath. Mr. Thomas of Denver is sight-seeing in our city. The ball given on the 26th was a social success. Joe Faulkner who was shot by a bartender in a saloon row on the 27th while trying to protect a companion is resting easy and it is thought will recover. The entertainment at the A. M. E. church on the 28th was a financial success; cleared $89. Mrs. Ellen Bass is very sick with pneumonia. Mrs. M. C. Cavel has returned from Denver. George Townsend was arrested and fined $5 for striking Mrs. Sophia Anderson. Adah Court No. 3 celebrated their third anniversary on the 6th. The dinner at the A. M. E. church on Thanksgiving day was all that one could wish and the ladies deserve great credit for the success that attended their faithful work. Wm. Bass has returned from Salt Lake City. J. W. Young is on the sick list. The Ida B. Wells literary society will render a program each Wednesday evening. Mrs. M. E. Lee is suffering with rheumatism.

Church Doings—Visitors.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Rachiel Coleman returned from Goodwin Saturday. A. W. Holloway, of Helena, passed through the city Saturday enroute to his home. Rev. J. D. Humphrey accompanied his mother, Mrs. Feagan home to Texarkana Saturday. Prof. J. C. Cole is in the city teaching a class in penpanship. Owing to the bad weather last Sabbath religious services were not held. W. L. Wilson of Mariana spent Thursday and Friday in the city the guest of his brother, M. T. Wilson. Rev. A W. Dobson is on the sick list. Wm. Franklin died the 25th. Thanksgiving services were observed at the A. M. E church. Quite an instructive sermon was preached by Rev. H. C. Dunlap. The A. M. E. Sunday school is preparing a cantata to be rendered during the holidays. Grand Master Clark passed through the city Friday enroute to Clarendon. Miss Della Harris entertained her friends Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. M. P. Mason on South New Orleans avenue. The Metropolitans were out sernading Thanksgiving evening. Brooks and company is still headquarters for groceries. Rev. J. D. Humphrey filled his appointment Sunday. Miss Mary Brown was in the city Saturday. Quarterly services were observed at Wesley Chapel Sunday. D. W. Beelum of Fordyce was in the city Saturday and Sunday. R. Isbell and company keeps fancy groceries. Rev. A. W. Dobson, pastor of the A. M. E. church is drawing large crowds.

Orange Blossoms—Death.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Miss Lilly O'Donnel has returned to her aunt's, Mrs. Kate Dukes. Dr. J. P. Jay is in the city. Hon. J. W. Boyd, of Brownsville, was in the city last week. Henry Jefferson is down with neuralgia. Mrs. Henrietta Moore of Holly Springs, Miss., was in the city last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jones had born to them two baby girls on the 24th, ult. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin have a fine boy. Louis Anthony and Miss Alice Jackson were married on the 28th, ult. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony received some very handsome presents. Louis Owen, of Washington street, is very low. Abe Bryant, is improving. Dallas Lee, for seventeen years a policeman in this city, died in Huntsville, Ala., on the 25th, ult. Mr. Lee was a member in good standing of Mt. Nebo Lodge F. and A M., of this city, and was buried in Huntsville by Evening Star Lodge.

LOST RELATIVES.

I would like to find my relatives. I was born in Somerset County, Maryland. My name is Henry Anderson, my Master was John Anderson of Eastern Shore M. D., I left about six years before the war. Mothers name was Peggy and my brothers were named Chas. Horace, Alex, and Sandy I left two sisters in Maryland Sarah Ann and Malinda, I had a brother named Geo. who was drowned at Montgomery. Ala., on the Alabama River. John Anderson, my master, died in Baltimore before I left Maryland, but was brought home. His wife was name Layer Jane Anderson. She had children name John Wesley and Lemule Anderson, Mary Elizabeth Carnelia and Louisa Anderson. I had an aunt name Harriet. She was married to Simon Parker. My Cousins were Moses, Daniel, Lytt and Ike. My aunt did belong to Marie Adams, I was sold to John Sanders and was afterward sold to Judge Perkins in the state of La. Any information will be gladly received. Address Henry or Sandy Anderson, Mineola, Tex., Wood county.

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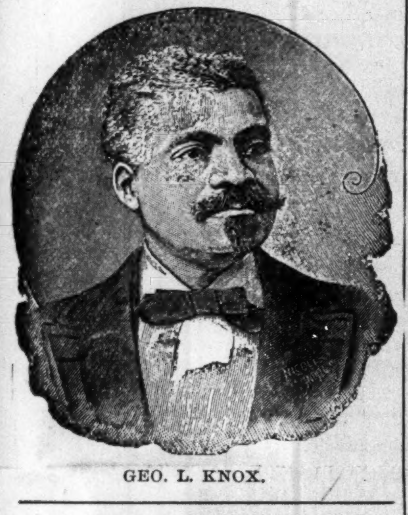
CHAPTER XL.

Everything as I supposed was going along smoothly now, but one day Mr. Cooper came to me complaining of Mr. Sweeney's treatment of him, saying if he had anything to say to him, he must first tell Mrs. Thomas who would then have to break it gently to Mr. Sweeney. I told him I would look into the matter. Mr. Cooper recommended Mr. Sweeney's discharge. but I told him I did not desire to take any advantage of Mr. Sweeney, as I supposed this was something that could readily be adjusted, so I told Mr. Cooper that we would meet Mr. Sweeney in the morning and talk over the matter.

At 9 o'clock the next morning, Mr. Cooper and myself went into the editorial room and I spoke to Mr. Sweeney, telling him of Mr Cooper's complaints, and Mr. Cooper substantiated them. I thought that Mr. Cooper was entitled to at least respect from the under employes. As I finished, Mr. Cooper told the story in paragraphs, being interrupted at the end of each by Mr. Sweeney saying "is that all." There were no changes in Mr. Sweeney's countenance, and he nearly annihilated Mr. Cooper. Mr. Sweeney said that he gave the manager due respect, and as for the charges made by Mr. Cooper, they were not true, as there was no man in the office more easily approached than him. I told Mr. Cooper that he could see Mr. Sweeney put himself in an attitude where he could be readily approached without a third party. They grew quite indignant at each other, and I thought they would not even speak to each other any more. I suppose I had no more than gotten to my shop when Mr. Cooper went into the editorial room and shook Mr. Sweeney by the hand, saying, "Allison, do you know we are two of the biggest Negroes in the country. The idea of you and I suffering this old 'handkerchief-headed' Negro to make a fool of two of the biggest Negroes in the land is not to be tolerated." When I heard this, I knew Mr. Cooper was one of the ten greatest Negroes, and had made no exception to it, but as Mr. Sweeney had never been entered on that roll of honor as one of the "ten greatest," I did not know what place he would occupy. On this same day I noticed Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Cooper on an electric car, looking as happy and gay as two larks. I thought to myself, surely I am mocked by these two men and the conference we had that morning is nothing but a farce. These were things I would not stand. Mr. Cooper also made the remark that "Mr. Knox is running The Freeman, but I am the manager."



GEO. L. KNOX.

Everything went along quietly for awhile until one morning, when I least expected it, Mr. Cooper informed me that he wished to see me. I told him very well. He said that as he was the founder of the paper he thought he should receive more consideration than others employed on the paper. I told him that I thought so too, and asked him what the trouble was. He then stated that I had hired a man by the name of Stapp, and the man had done something that displeased him. I asked him what it was about as I thought perhaps Mr. Stapp might not be wholly in fault, and said that I would call on the gentleman and make an investigation, and if I should find things as Mr. Cooper stated I would then discharge Mr. Stapp as I did not intend he should not recognize Mr. Cooper's authority as manager of the paper. I talked the matter over with Mr. Stapp and he said that Mr. Cooper had tried to discharge him, and he had told Mr. Cooper that not he, but I had hired him, and therefore Mr. Cooper had no power to discharge him. I then said to Mr. Stapp that I did not wish to encourage him in disobedience to the manager as I felt that obedience was due him as long as he was right, but I never had and never would relegate all my powers to any man, that I always reserved enough authority myself to enable me to fulfill my own wishes and desires in my business in regard to those who worked for me. I told Mr. Cooper that I thought he acted too hasty in trying to discharge Mr. Stapp, and that there seemed to be something back of it all that he did not care to mention. Mr. Cooper said that if I employed Mr. Stapp he would quit. I then said: "Mr. Cooper, I never allow anyone to dictate to me about who I shall or shall not employ. I pay you your salary for your work and you should attend to your own business. As far as this matter is concerned. I will accept your resignation here." Here Mr. Stapp tried to interfere, but I told him to attend to his own business as I was attending to this matter myself. I presume Mr. Cooper thought the storm would pass over and he would go on. Another idea had presented itself to him which he thought would be a great scheme and bring in a good deal of money to The Freeman and that my profits would be materially increased. The next day he came to me and said he had been working hard and desired to take a vacation. I told him very well. He asked for transportation which was furnished him. He made a trip down about Missouri, through Arkansas and Indian Territory. In about three weeks he returned and asked me if he still held his old position, but I informed him that he had resigned once and I had put in his place as manager Mr. F. B. Allen. He asked what I meant—if it meant that I let him out. I answered that it did; at the same time I told him that at any time he wished to buy the paper he could have it for the same amount of money it had cost me.

This was in '92. The campaign began to wax warm and The Indianapolis Freeman took an active part, taking its stand in favor of Harrison and the Republican party. Fifteen to twenty thousand copies were run off during each week. I being a member of the State Executive Committee took quite an active part in the campaign, attending different meetings of committees, state and county conventions. One day during the campaign Mr. Cooper came to me and said that he desired to buy The Freeman. I said, "very well, I will sell it, but you must come on with the money." He did not buy it. The campaign ended, the Republicans were defeated, and the tidal wave of the Democratic party swept the country. The legislature convened and was strongly Democratic. At this time we were having some trouble with our mail. Mr. Cooper claimed that all mail that had his name on it should be returned to him, but I thought that all mail with The Freeman on it should now be mine. I went to the postmaster and told him to turn over to me all mail directed to Ed. Cooper and The Freeman. He said he thought it belonged to me but he could not act in the matter until he had conferred with the postoffice department at Washington. He conferred with the authorities there and received the reply that I was entitled to all letters directed to The Freeman.

Mr. Cooper obtained a position in the legislature, in which position he considered himself the head of all. In the meantime advertising bills became due, and some remittances came in before I had gotten the letters and other mail all turned over into my hands. Mr Cooper and I had some words about this. One day he informed me that he had received a check for $100 from a certain publishing house, and I stated that we had been looking for this letter and concluded it must be in his possession. He finally came down and paid me $100, for which I was very thankful. The idea now struck him of going to Washington and going into the newspaper business there with a capital of $25,000.

As time went on The Indianapolis Freeman had a great many obstacles to overcome on account of its past management, which made anything but smooth sailing for it. I had many obligations to meet and much money had to be expended in order to get everything running in a business like manner.

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School and Church Notes.

Bastrop, Tex., Special.

The fourth and best quarterly conference of the Paul Quinn A. M. E. church, pastored by Rev. Doctor S. Moten, D. D., was held recently with success along all lines. The reports were generally well gotten up. The Presiding Elder, Rev. S. Jenkins, is a wide-awake church man. He observes on all sides the various departments of the church and teaches the key note for active service throughout. He preached a very appreciative sermon in the evening. The pastor Rev. Doctor S. Moten, B. D., preached in the morning and afternoon. His sermons were highly instructive and much appreciated and commented upon. Rev. Moten was appointed by Bishop Lee to pastor the Paul Quinn A. M. E church here, as its former pastor. Rev. D. J. Hull, A. M., had been appointed to take charge of the Theological Department at Paul Quinn College. Schools are doing nicely. Prof. C. O. Hunter is a thorough scholar and a good teacher. The school is doing well under his principalship. Miss Carrie Johnson of Lelma, Ohio, is doing good work in her department.

Quietly Married—Notes.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Mr. Kary and Mrs. Hannah Huron were quietly married on the 21st, ult., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Orr, in the presence of a few friends. We wish them a long and happy life. We are pained to note the death of aunt Violet Whiteley, which occurred on the 26th, ult. She was the oldest person in the town, being 98 years old. Among those who attended the conference at Pine Bluff, were, Mrs. Knox, Mrs. Charity Williams, Mrs. Delphia Herron, Mrs. Skillan, Rev. A. C. Johnson and W. H VanBuren. Rev. Wilson, Mariana, the District Missionary of the Baptist Sunday school, held the Sunday school board on the 22-23, ult, at Baptist Grove, and filled the pulpit at Berry's Chapel Sunday. Last Monday and Tuesday many ministers and their friends stopped here, returning from conference. The next session of the South Arkansas conference will convene in this city. We are delighted with the return of our pastor, Rev. A. C. Johnson. Circuit court is in session here with a large attendance. The Glee Concert Club, of Duvall Bluff, played two nights last week to a good crowd, for the benefit of Berry Chapel. Mrs. Aaron, of Helena, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sandus. Mrs. Emma Williams returned from a visit to Memphis last Friday. Mr. Mase, of Brinkley, was in the city Tuesday attending court. A crowd of eight or nine young people stormed the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Sandus, on Thanksgiving night, and had a good time. Miss Fannie Martin was in the city Saturday, the guest of her mother. Miss Georgia Wright returned from a visit to her home Tuesday. Robert and Henry Thomas. were in Brinkley Thanksgiving. Dr. Faning was in the city Sunday.

Memorial Services to be Held.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

The death of Bishop A. W. Wayman senior Bishop of the A. M. E. church, was a terrific blow to that powerful christian organization. Appropriate memorial services will be held in Allen Temple next Sunday evening commemorative of his death. R. C. O. Benjamin lectured at the Pythian Hall last Wednesday night. So well did he please his audience that he was urged to deliver his famous lecture, "Fools and Other People" before the Zion literary society Monday night, Dec. 16th. Mrs. Kate Easton entertained the "Galaxy Socials" at her residence, 22 Perry street last Thursday evening, when the following persons were present: Miss Nannie Hood of California; Misses King, Porter, Cox, Easton, Kinney, Hughes, Wheeler, Hayes, Fossett, Brown, Jones, Hart, and Messrs. Lewis, Easton, Perry, Shelton, Franklin, Roots, Johnson, Brill, Williams, Webb, Poindexter, Riggs, Jones, Nance and Mrs. George W. Hayes, jr. Messrs. Henry Saffell, Samuel Plenty, James Burrell, and John Mockes are candidates for initiation into the sacred mysteries of the American Protestant Association. Dr. Frank W. Johnson and medical student, C. H. Jackson, in company with Mr. Greer of the post office department, spent Sunday last in Columbus. Alex H Underdown, manager of the Progress Grocery Co., will spend the Christmas holidays at his former home. Knoxville, Tenn. The firms of Minnis and Grandison and the Progress Grocery Co. are doing a thriving business in the commercial market, and they are preparing some valuable presents for their customers during the holidays. Both firms are strong advocates and liberal supporters of the colored press and The Freeman especially.

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Helena Notes.

Helena, Ark., Special.

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Social Notes.

Colwell, Tenn., Special.

The young people of this place are preparing for a concert for Christmas. Our Sunday school is progressing. Mrs. Lettie Williams read an excellent paper at Mullins Chapel Sunday-school, "How to Accumulate Wealth." P. G. Morton, of Nashville, Tenn., G. C. S. of the W. P. L. L. A. A. Lodge is visiting friends. Mrs. Martha Moore visited Mrs. Geo. Bomar Sunday last. The I. O. I. Lodge No. 382 is progressing. Mrs. Abe Davidson is sick also Mrs. Mary J. Huffman will lecture Sunday the 15th.

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News Notes.

Carmi, Ill., Special.

Rev. Cottrell is doing fine work at the A. M. E. Church. Our school is progressing nicely. Rev. Oliver preached a fine sermon last Sunday. Prof. Will J. Smith lectured at the A. M. E. church Sunday night. His subject was, the "Revolution of the Negro.

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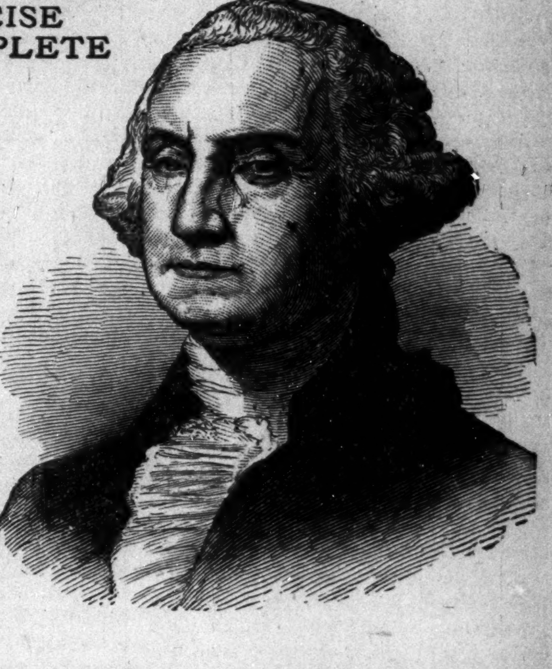

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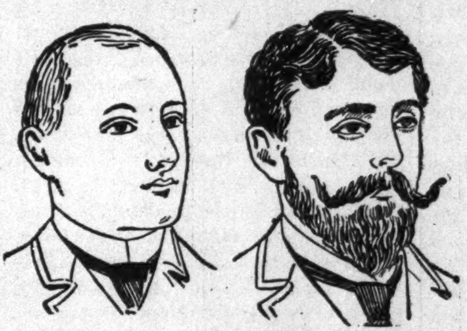

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Meeting Held at Memphis, November 3d—Says that all Christians should Abstain from Strong Drink.

[This sermon, by Rev. Wm. Christian, is reproduced at the urgent request of many of our Memphis, Tenn., readers.]

At the revival meeting held by the church of God at the Auditorium Sunday, Nov. 3d, meeting was opened at 10 a. m. by a grand drill. There was a choir of 100 voice. Fifteen minute sermons were rendered by the following young ministers. Revs. J. P. Brown, B. Robinson, Mack Jones, C. Williams, N. Steele, G D. Lions, R. W. Patrick, and Charlie Smith. Rev. J. W. Moss preached an interesting sermon at 3 p. m., assisted by Rev. Wm. Christian, C. D. of C. T.

Rev. Christian took as a text John 5 39: "Search ye the scriptures, for in them ye find eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." He said:

Friends, I want to say to you at this juncture that preachers have been preaching to you to pray and get religion, when the bible doesn't teach that, but it does say, James 1 26, "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridle not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain." Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, James 1 27, "Visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and keep thyself unspotted from the world."

Listen, hear me: Preachers have been teaching you that Adam was the first man. I deny this. Gen. 1 26, says, "God created man in His own image;" also, Gen. 2 7, reads, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life." Now Adam could not possibly have been the first man. There was a generation before Adam. Remember there was a war in heaven and those fallen angels were driven down on earth. I claim that this heaven was not the sanctum sanctorium where God was, but it was the place that was called heaven. When God divided the waters from under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament, and that Lord God spoken of was Malchiseder. Certain it is there was a generation existing on earth, for Cain and Abel were Adam and Eve's first issue. After Cain had slew Abel, he was afraid lest some man should slay him; Gen. 4 14. Then Cain went over into the land of Nod, there he took unto himself a wife, Gen. 4 16. Proving there were people here, some of you folks try to say that angels are invisible. Now listen: when Adam and Eve were driven from the garden, God placed cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life, Gen. 3 24. These cherubims were visible, and when the angels blessed Abraham he washed their feet and gave them food to eat, showing that they were visible. Speaking of the Lord God, I claim that he was Melchiseder, and that he ruled the land of heaven. Some of you say he was Christ, but according to Paul, he met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the Kings, and blessed them. Then the Lord has sworn He will not repent,. thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchizidek, showing it could not possibly have been Christ. Some say he was Adam, but the bible refutes that, as Melchizidek has no beginning of days or ending of time. Melchizidek was that man that God created on the order of Christ.

Lay aside creed and color and get on the word of God. Some of you bring the devil out of heaven and carry him straight through the earth to hell, but if the bible is correct, he stopped on earth. Rev. 12 9, "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the devil or satan, which deceiveth the whole world. He was cast out into the earth and his angels were cast out with him." And the devil is still on earth. He is the man with an evil spirit. The serpent that tempted Eve was not a snake that crawled on his belly, but was a man. Christ called Judas Iscariot, a devil, He spoke of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon, for he it was that should betray Him. That shows the wicked are devils.

Sam Jones said that when he was preaching in Chicago, a woman said to him, "Bro. Jones I cannot understand you." He replied, "Well Madam, I am not responsible for your ignorance." Now if any of you here don't understand me, I am not responsible. What I say the bible is here to prove, and I defy any man, black or white, to take the bible and dispute me. What I preach is the bible, and if we are saved at all, it must be through the word of God. Come neighbor, get on the word of God; if you want Christ, take the word.

Sam Jones is honored by the whites, and I will always love him. He gave me a chance here on this rostrum when every door among my race was closed against me. He gave me a show before an audience of 10,000 people, and on the influence gained through him, I am here to-day at work for God and the right.

Adam is the head of the Negro race. We are direct descendents of Adam. The white race are descendents of Melchizidek. The whites try to say we decended from Ham because he was disobedient. Adam lived 130 years and begot a son in his own likeness and after his image, and called his name Seth. From Seth we sprang. Abraham was an Ethiopian until he was 99 years old, when be became a Jew by the act of circumsion, when he received a blessing and God changed his name from Abram to Abraham, and his wife's from Sari to Sarah. God told Abraham that in thee and in thy seed all nations of the earth shall be blessed. Abraham was blessed by obeying God. We must obey God to receive blessings. I said the Negro was the salvation of all living. The word Ethiopian means black. Moses' wife was an Ethiopian woman and when Moses' sister laughed at her God cursed her with leprosy. If you obey God you shall live. Solomon says he was black. This speaks well for us. Solomon was the wisest man; then if Solomon was black, David was black, and Christ came out of the loins of David, then Christ came out of the Ethiopian family. Revelation says his hair was like lamb's wool and his eyes like balls of fire.

You make Christ white, God white, all the angels white and nothing black but the devil. Now I cannot draw any pictures, but if I take this bible and draw a picture I must do so. God is my witness. We haven't had chances to do like you. If the bible says black it stands between us. I only repeat the word as written. Not color but character makes the man. There are but two classes, the good and the bad. The bible calls them sheep and goats. Whether you are white or black you must obey God or go to hell. You whites must love us and we must love you. God is no respector of persons.

You have separate coach laws; you have all kinds of laws here, you stand on one side of the fence and we on the other. This won't do, you must come together. John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one for another." Christ commands white and black to be one. We all must be one or go to hell. We must obey God, whether white or black, rich or poor, if we don't we shall perish. We all must be one.

Our people must come together; as long as we remain what we are, we cannot prosper; come together and get God's word and he will prosper us. No christian ought to drink wine. Lot's daughter made him drink and brought shame on his family; God told Aaron to drink no wine or strong drink; God told Moses when a man shall separate himself unto the Lord, he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink. And I say that all christians should abstain from strong drink. The bible says it is the poison of dragons.

The Savior promises a reward for giving water. Some of you say you drink wine as an emblem of Christ's blood. I ask you, was wine shed for us? I say no, and I defy any man to take this bible and prove me wrong. Is it right to use water? If we can get a reward for it, then it must be right. We will notice the supper table: Jesus gave bread and said this is my body, and he took the cup and gave thanks and gave it to them. Christ said, this is my blood of the New Testament, was shed for many. I ask every preacher a question: Was it wine or grape juice that was shed for us? I answer, it was blood and water which was shed for us, that flowed from our Savior's side. Some may say that He said I will drink no more the fruit of the vine until I drink it with you in my Father's kingdom. The Savior teaches that he is the true vine, and if Christ was the vine as He said, then the vine was crucified. When they had him on the cross, they crucified the vine of life. The Jews did not want the body on the cross on the Sabbath day. One of the soldiers pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood and water. This tells the world aloud that Christ shed blood and water, and water is what we should use for the Lord's Supper. Christ calls himself the bread of life. There are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the word and the Holy Ghost, and these three agree; and three on earth, the spirit, the water and the blood. This is the true sacrament, and it is not only needed in this world, but in the world to come. The demons in hell beg for for water, and the saints in glory want it.

We must do as the Bible says or perish. You must love me and I must love you, I told the white people at Paris, Tex., that they must love the colored people, and that I was a fair sample, or go to hell. One white man said, "Well I'll go to hell." I have found no christianity except virture You must obey God. There are no dishonest christians; no character breakers are christians. God has no unworthy servants. You must obey and live, or disobey and perish. You must do right and love each other whether white or black.

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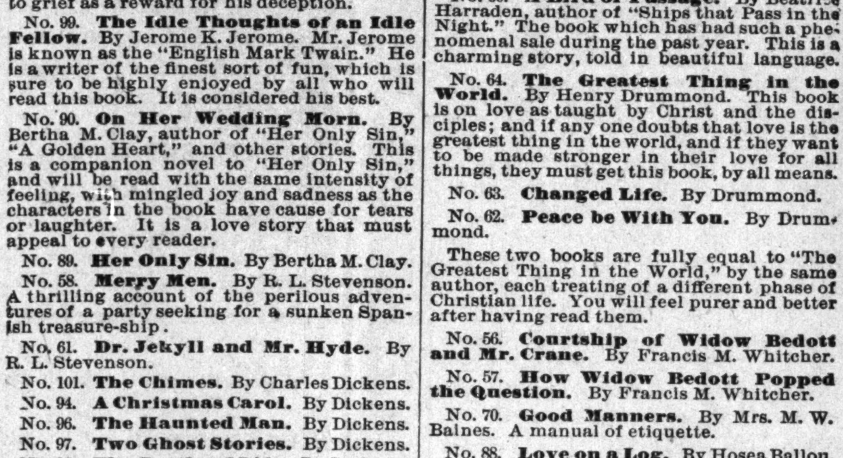
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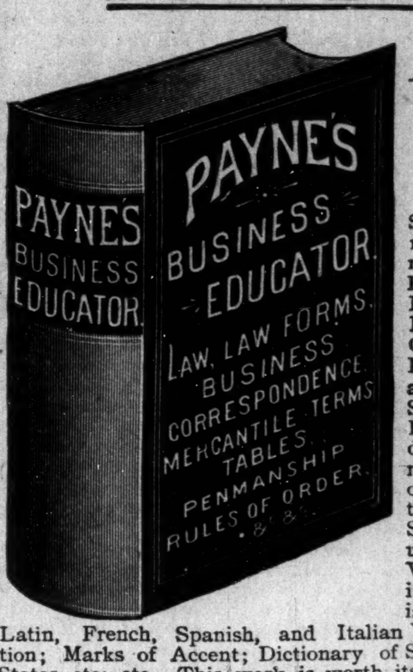
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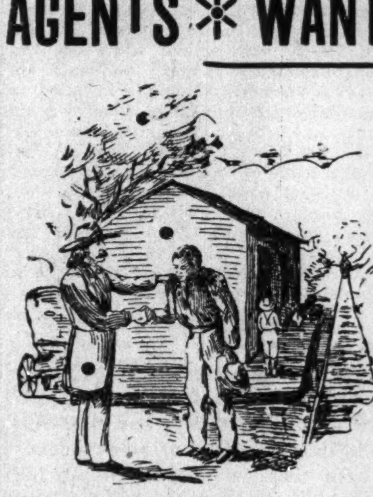

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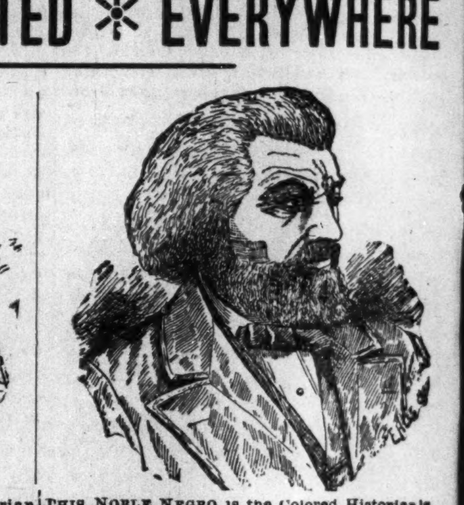

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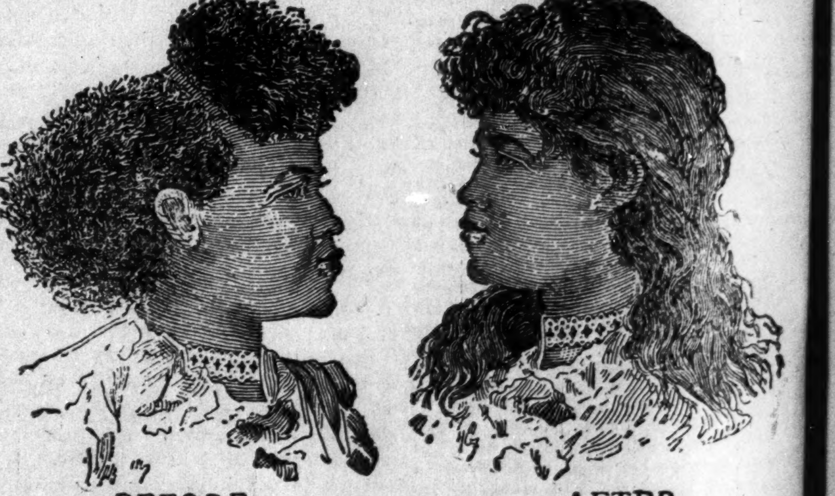

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THE SINGLE TAX MAN FROM MICHIGAN ANSWERS E. H. HACKLEY

Of Colorado—Says Some of Mr. Stewart's Statements Were Justly Critisized—Wages in the South—Free Silver.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

In his open letter to T. McCants Stewart I notice our friend Edward H. Hackley, of Denver, Col., advocates free silver as a boom to the race. Some of the statements in Mr. Stewart's letter are justly criticised by Mr. Hackley, for one. The purchasing clause repeal is credited to the Republicans as arresting the financial stringency. Now this purchasing clause forced the Government to buy a certain amount of silver each month in the open market and at market value, and at the time this clause was repealed the Government bought enough of the metal for about 60 cents to coin $1.00, thereby making a net profit of from 30 to 40 percent, thus the Government was doing a profitable business while at the same time it furnished its people with money and just how its esstoppel, was a benefit to any party concerned except owners of gold is a phase of the question I don't understand, certain it is the gold bugs have been dealing in the "peoples promises to pay" known as bonds ever since in order to maintain a gold reserve. But that as it may, Mr. Hackley seems to expect more of free silver than the history of that metal will warrant, he says "in the South labor is cheap; gold is high. here is the condition and the cause; prior to 1873 we had free silver for some thirty years. Was wages any better in the South then than now? Was it free silver that freed the slave, the very cheapest of labor? But listen there are better paid black labor in the South than there are any other place else on the globe. Where else are Negro roustabouts paid from two to three dollars a day than on the lower Mississippi river? Where else are Negro dockmen paid 40 and 50 cents an hour than in Southern ports? Where else are Negroes employed on Railroads in large numbers at from 40 to 60 dollars a month?

The fact is that the money basis has little to do with the scale of wages paid to laborers anywhere, throwing a country upon a gold basis may, for a time slightly enlarge the purchasing power of the dollar, but this rule will hold good with labor excepting such laborers as labor on their own account, such as owning and renting farmers for labor, unskilled cannot accept less than it can exist on, and they do not receive more than that now (only in exceptional cases,) and never did in countries where our land tenure prevails. The only regulation of wages is supply and demand, as it is the regulation of true values generally, and what the Negro wants is plenty of opportunity to labor in the first place and to next receive all the value he earns by that labor.

Money, gold, silver, or paper is only a medium of exchange and its unit a measure of value, indeed, what difference does it make to the farmers of the Black Belt in Alabama. What kind of money is in use since the white merchants advance them goods on their crops each year and according to the white merchant's figures the farmers are continually in their debt, and to dispute their figures is almost equal to committing suicide These people do not see a piece of money from one years end to another, neither would they need to if the merchants dealt fairly with them, for they cannot eat nor wear money. Free silver would enhance the value of silver, that is why owners of silver mines are a unit for free silver neither Democrats or Republicans. To the extent that it would cheapen money, it would aid the debtor class, but earners of value would expect no releaf from its adoption. I am yours for the best interests of the race no matter what interests it strikes.

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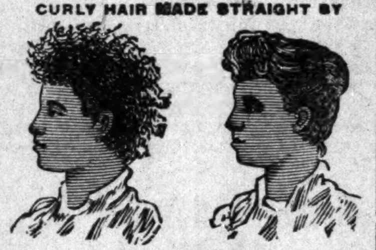

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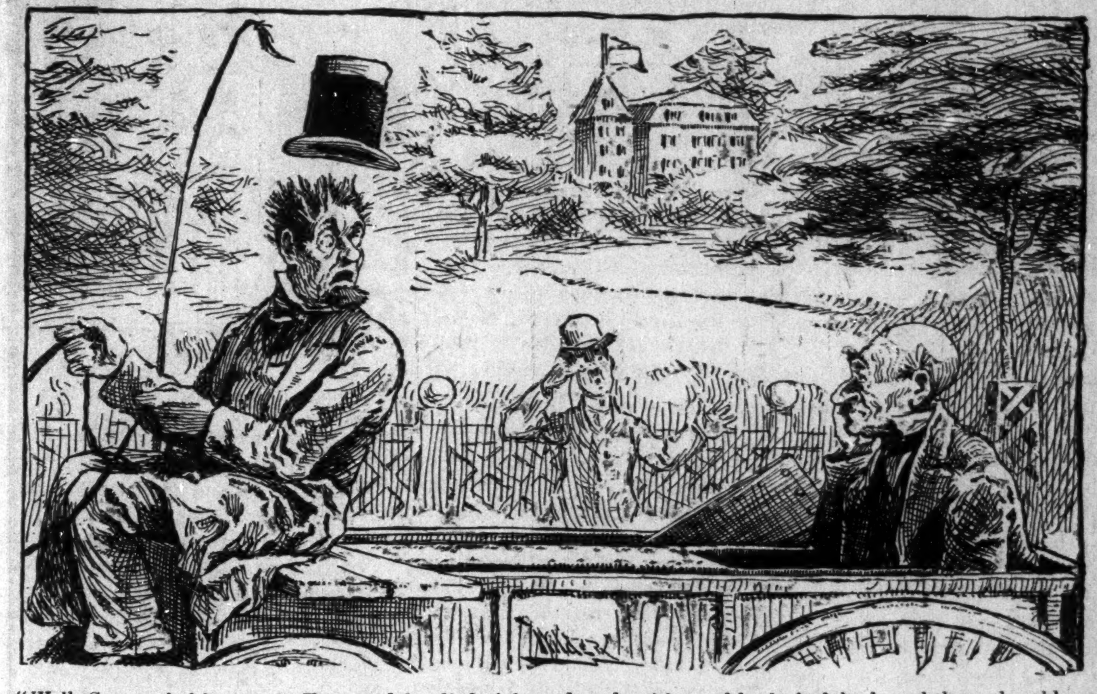
"Wall, it is so, whether you believe it or not. Why, I see a feller jest now who sez he don't believe anybody would ever die at all, if they kep' themselves kinder wet through all the time with this water."

"Oh, shaw!" sez I. (I seldom say shaw, but this seemed to me a time for shawin'.)

But Josiah kep' on, for he wus fearfully excited. Sez he, "Why, the fellow said, there wuz a old man who lived right by the side of this spring, and felt the effects of it inside and out all the time, it wuz so healthy there. Why the old man kep' on a livin', and a livin', till he got to be a hundred. And he wuz kinder lazy naturally and he got tired of livin'. He said he wuz tired of gettin' up mornin's and dressin' of him, tired of pullin' on his boots and drawin' on his trowses, and he told his grandson Sam to take him up to Troy and let him die.



"Wall, Sam took him up to Troy, and he died right away, almost. And Sam bein' a good hearted chap, thought it would please the old man to be buried down by the spring, that healthy spot. So he took him back there in a wagon he borrowed. And when he got clost to the spring, Sam heard a sithe, and he looked back, and there the old gentleman wuz a settin' up a leanin' his head on his elbo, and he sez, in a sort of a sad way, not mad, but melancholly, **'You hadn't ort to done it, Sam. You hadn't ort to. I'm in now for another hundred years.'**"

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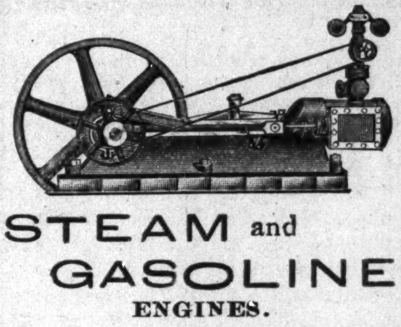

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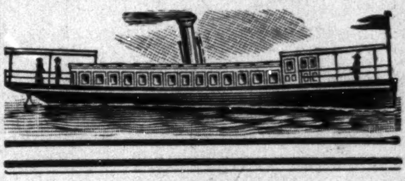

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Grant Newman of Greensburg visited friends in the city last Sunday.

Friendship Lodge No. 3, donated $2.80 to the Alpha Home Association.

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Remember the date December 10th Tuesday evening Corinthian Baptist church.

Hon. H. C Smith of the Cleveland Gazette, will be in the city some time this month.

The Grand Hotel Barber Shop has a properous business with thirteen men employed

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Wm. Taylor of Jackson, Mich., has accepted a position at W. E. Givens' shaving parlor on Virginia avenue.

Frank Johnson of Elm street, who has been in doors for four months with a broken leg is able to out again.

Trinity Mission Society is rendering programs in which the young people seem to be taking unusual interest.

Rev. Y. Carr of Evansville, Ind., will hold quarterly meeting at Phenix Chapel tomorrow and at Walters Chapel on the 15th.

Mr. Shaeffer accompanied by Capt. Dancy, both genial and entertaining New Yorkers are stopping at Mrs. Smooths on California street.

Rev. George L. Knox of the Seventh Presbyterian church, will preach at the Ninth Presbyterian church Sunday December 15th at 2 p. m.

Miss Eva M. Radden, a graduate of Willis' Business College of Springfield, O., is visiting her aunt, Mr. G. L. Lane of 299 Cornell avenue.

Prof. John Adams of the St. Paul Appeal was in the city this week accompanied by the Hon. Bruce Bagby. He gave The Freeman a pleasant call.

T. Horace Scott of the Bates Tonsorial Parlor, left the city Tuesday morning for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend several months hoping to benefit his health.

Agents are now working to secure the valuable prizes offered for the persons securing the largest number of subscribers for our Christmas number. Send for our premium list.

Mrs. Lillie Henderson left Monday night for Cincinnati, O. After a short stay there she will leave for Washington, D. C., where she will be the guest of Mrs. E. E. Cooper during the Christmas.

Mrs. S. Shorter, of Wiberforce, O., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walker on California street. She will read a paper at "The Woman's Congress" which will be held Dec. 28th, at Atlanta, Ga., subject "Race Enterprise."

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The Union meeting held at the Ninth Presbyterian church Sunday Dec. 1st, was a decided success. The Rev. Dr. Henderson presided and introduced the Rev. Dr. Milburn of the Second Presbyterian church, who preached an excellent sermon. Miss Myrtle Hart rendered several choice selections on her harp.

The Anti-Lynching League met Tuesday night at Bethel A. M. E. church. Arrangements have been made to continue the work during the wrinter, and at the meeting next Tuesday evening arrangements will be made for the program for the meetings. The Anti-lynch law of South Carolina, will be discussed by those present.

A Christmas gift—the Holiday number of The Freeman.

Will Geo. W. Bass, formerly of 405 Water St. Commercial, Ind., write I. M S. No. 9 Vine street Buffalo, N. Y. or any one knowing his address.

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Death of an Aged Lady.

Mary Ann Arnett was born in Grayson county Kentucky August 18th and died in this city December 1st. 1895. She was an active member of the old School Presbyterian church for several years. She then connected her name with the Methodist church of which she remained a member. About 1854 she married Spencer Arnett with whom she lived until his death, August 1884. At the time of her death she was 84 years and three months old.

Officers Installed.

The Daughters of Charity met Thursday night in their regular monthly meeting. Officers to be enstalled for the ensuing year are as follow: Mrs. Nellie Allen, president; Mary Edna Perry, vice president; Emma Shepherd financial secretary; Estella Roundtree, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Emma Parks, Treasurer; Mrs. Essie Thornton, Addie Rudd, Mon Howard, board of trustees; Mrs. Amanda Wells chairman of sick committee. All members are requested to be present. By order of Mrs. Nellie Allen, president; Mrs. Emma Shepherd vice president.

Resolutions Passed.

WHEREAS, In view of the lost the Alpha Home has sustained by the decease of Sister Heston, the first treasurer, and present one of the investigating board and the still greater loss to those who were nearer and dearer to her therefore be it

Resolved, That we that have worked with her in the interest of the Home offer this as a just tribute to the memory of the departed. We sincerely regret her removal from our midst. We mourn for one who was in every way worthy of our regard.

Resolved, That we sympathize with the bereft family hoping that beyond this stroke they may see the wisdom and justice of a Divine Providence, and feel that He doeth all things well, and that she has gone to that future where sunderedties of earth are reunited.

Resolved, That a copy of this testimonial of our heart felt sympathy and sorrow be sent to the family and insert in the city papers. Mrs. Huldah Webb president, Mrs. J. T. V. Hill secretary,

Our Churches.

Thanksgiving day at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church Nov. 28th At 11 a. m. Rev. W. A. Forman, an expastor preached the Thanksgiving sermon after which the people repaired to the basement where the ladies of the committee, with Mrs. Maggie Lindsey as president had dinner waiting and a good many served. The entertainment was closed at night by reporting of the clubs. The ladies did well as ladies always do. We thank them and also the friends who aided us. We are pleased with the reports. The quarterly meeting at Jones' Tabernacle A. M E. Zion church November 24th, was a success. Alround Rev. Dr. Hagood, D. D. M. D., of Simpson Chapel preached an able sermon at 3:30 p. m. to about 900 people. The sermon was well handled by the speaker and very highly appreciated by the people, for I think he gave every one their portion in due season. At eight p. m. Rev. Y. Carr, P. E. of Evansville, Ind., preached a very interesting sermon, and notwithstanding the rain our lovefeast was well attended.

The Billiard Match.

On last Tuesday night the much talked of billiard match began at Odd Fellowa hall, between White, the Indiana champion, and Shaeffer, champion of New York, Mr. Charles Stapp made a short address, intoducing the men to a large audience. Mr. Shaeffer retained W. S. Rollins as his umpire while Henry Martin, in the absence of Major Gardner, officiated for White. George Reeder was chosen "marker" and Lindsey James reffree.

White led off with a run of two, and in the 4th inning he "bunched" them on the rail, but missed an all-around-the-table shot on the unlucky (?) thirteen; Shaeffer being unable to overcome the lead. Shaffer played careless during the game, but in the 34 inning he made the highest run of the evening by some fine work. He "buched the ivories" on the rail and clipped off twenty-one, missing an easy half follow. The score:

Shaeffer—0 1 3 0 1 4 1 0 5 0 0 1 1 3 1 0
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0 5 0—240. Average 2 2-7, highest run 21.

White—2 0 0 1 2 0 0 1 0 1 7 1 4 0 0 1 4 5
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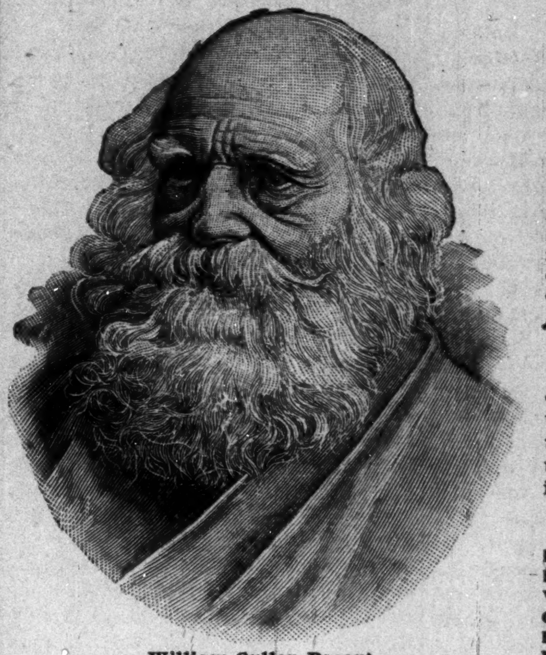

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